

# **UFOs OVER MODERN CHINA**

## **A Survey of the Phenomenon**

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## DEDICATION

We dedicate this document to all those diligent UFO researchers who tried so desperately for so long to find out what UFO activity was going on in Mainland China.

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# FORWARD

Since the begining of the modern era of UFO activity in the middle of 1940s we have had to work without information on UFO events being reported from a large area of the land surface of our world. Surveys and tabulations were made in known areas of the Earth and this information was simply projected to arrive at estimated world totals. Now we have a chance to verify or refute our projections and test their accuracy for the 3.7 million square miles of the great Republic of China, a place inaccessible to us since 1947.

Information on the subject of UFOs from inside China was so rare that even the slightest tidbits to come out were newsworthy and readily found their way into the world press.

When an extremely rare photograph of an unidentified flying object behind the enigmatic frontiers was finally made, it was featured on the cover of one of the more prestigious English language UFO magazines of the world, BROTHERS, published in Japan by CBA International, who also publish the Japanese Flying Saucer News in Japanese.

The next UFO photographs from inside China came belatedly from Japan as a result of the earlier Japanese occupation of Manchuria before World War II. Three times round white mist-shrouded objects, in formations, were photographed over Japanese occupied airfields as Mitsubishi Type 97 Bombers were preparing to take-off on missions. Small round dark, and white, misty-looking objects followed Japanese fighter aircraft in flight and were photographed several times.

Then in 1942, at the end of the Japanese occupation of Chinese Manchuria, a street photographer in Tientsien captured a coolie-hat shaped UFO as it flew down the street of the city. His picture showed people in the street looking up at the strange aircraft and pointing it out to others. A Japanese Army officer with the occupation force bought the picture and took it home to Japan with him, where it was undiscovered until 1979 when his grandson found it while gong through the late officer's old albums.

Then on 23 August 1980 two backpackers sleeping outside near the Great Wall observed and photographed a round luminous airbourn object emitting a strong white light. They took the film to the Peking Evening News where it was developed by the newspaper laboratory. This picture has been labeled "the first UFO photographed in China" by the Chinese press and a drawing of this picture was published on the cover of the British UFO Journal, FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 26, Number 5.

As we suspected, this new information from China further confirms our expectations that the UFO phenomenon is quite generalized and very widespread in scope. We had already found a similarity in cases encountered in the remotest parts of the known world, among people completely out of touch with others, yet experiencing contacts with UFOs and with extraterrestrials very similar to those reported elsewhere.

When the editors of the Chinese people's JOURNAL OF UFO RESEARCH offered to translate 600 of the better UFO cases reported over China since 1940, we jumped at the chance and rushed translation money to the Foreign Language Bureau, Translators in Peking to accelerate the project. We are pleased to offer these new UFO cases to the world public in the form of this book for study and evaluation by all who seek such knowledge.

This book is divided into three parts: The Mainland Reports, Taiwan Reports, and Hong Kong and Macau Reports, as classified by the original translators. The chronology of these current reports begins in time as far as we can reasonably reconstruct the data back to 1940. Here then is the report.

Wendelle C. Stevens

FOOTNOTE- We have decided to leave the translated reports from China as much as possible in their original transliterated form, only adding the English articles and tense which the Chinese form lacks. By doing this we hope to avoid as much as possible putting our own interpretations into the case summaries. We feel that as this is a document of information we should allow each student of the phenomenon to interpret what we have available according to his own experience and understanding. The choice of English equivalent words was left to the translators at the Foreign Language Bureau in Beijing.

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# BROTHERS

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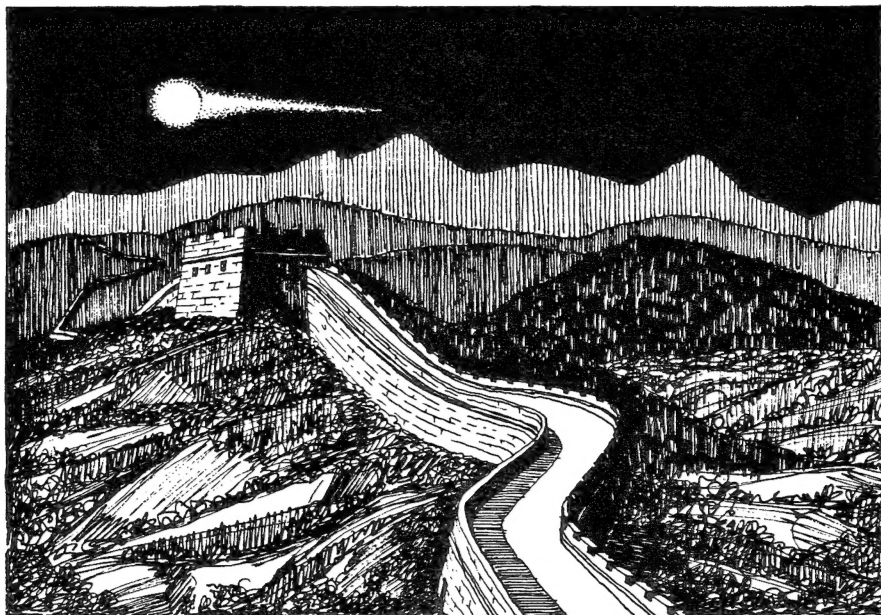
BROTHERS, Vol. 1, No. 1, for Spring 1962, published by Cosmic Brotherhood Association (CBA) Yokohama, Japan, first released the Kaifeng UFO photographs from China.



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Establishment of China's UFO Society

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FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, Vol. 26, No. 5, published monthly in England, first released the story of the Great Wall UFO photographs to the western world.

# World round-up

of news and comment  
about recent sightings

Republic of China

## Surge of interest in UFO reports

We learn from a headline carried by the *Beijing Wanbao* (Peking Evening News) of November 28, 1980, of the Establishment of China's UFO Society. The full text of the report (we apologise for the quality of the photostat reproduction of the original) has been translated by Gordon Creighton.

"Have you ever seen a visitor from space? What in fact are these mysterious flying objects which people describe as being like saucers?"

"Very recently a technical study group has been set up, the Chinese UFO (Flying Saucer) Research Society, to handle the investigation and analysis of all kinds of unidentified flying objects, and it has received the recognition of the Chinese Society for the Study of the Future, and has been accepted as an affiliate to the latter.

"At present the UFO Research Society has over 300 members distributed throughout 24 provinces and towns, and autonomous areas of China. As soon as it had been set up, the UFO Research Society at once plunged into the task of collecting reports of UFO sightings, and of collating and analysing all the material. To date they have received over 100 sighting reports from within China."

Credit, and thanks for sending the

## 我国的第一张 UFO 照片

编辑同志:

八月二十三日我们三个同志去昌平沟遛弯玩,当地露宿在山谷之中。第二天4:08分左右,我们正在看天空中的星星,透过不很浓密的树叶,从山的轮廓线露出一个发白光的东西,确切地说这



Chinese text, to Yusuke J. Matsumura, Director of CBA International, Yokohama, Japan.

### First newspaper report of a UFO photograph

The establishment of the Chinese UFO Research Society, as reported in the *Beijing Wanbao*, no doubt received publicity after this and the following items, also sent to us by Yusuke J. Matsumura, who kindly provided a translation of the first report which came from UPI teletype No. ZCZC HTA224 XH242 NX 1 00 HUP NRS R1 received in Tokyo, datelined Peking, November 5, 1980:—

"Two campers near the Great Wall saw a bright unidentified flying object and took a photograph of it, the first ever made in China of a UFO," a Peking newspaper reported Wednesday.

"The two campers sleeping out in the open near the Great Wall and the historic Ming Tombs said they saw a UFO over the north of Peking at 4:08 a.m. on August 23, 1980.

"In a letter to the Peking Evening News (*Beijing Wanbao*), they said they saw an object, possibly ringed, that emitted white light. The object appeared to have a darker core, and was

Reproduction of headlines, part of Chinese text and the photograph, from the *Beijing Wanbao* of November 4, 1980.

apparently revolving on an axis, they said.

"The campers, Xin Seng and Bi Jiang, said the object moved farther away and then closer for half an hour, but they heard no noise.

"The newspaper printed a photograph showing a moon-like object, with what appeared to be protrusions around the middle. It hovered just above the side of a slope. The newspaper's editor said the film was received undeveloped. The newspaper processed the film and made the print of the first photograph of a UFO in China.

"Although Chinese scientists have expressed an interest in the study of UFOs they have always based their discussions on overseas reports. UFO sightings, if they ever occurred, had until now gone unreported in the mass media."

"We feel our heading to this item is a little more cautious! — ED/

### Build-up of a UFO wave?

In the English-language edition of the Tokyo newspaper *Mainichi Daily News* of November 12, 1980, we read how —

"What are commonly known in other countries as unidentified flying objects (UFO) have been observed by the Chinese people on more than 100 occasions, according to a Shanghai magazine.

"The *Nature Magazine* said people in 15 provinces, cities and autonomous regions have sighted the UFOs, most of them round-shaped pans or balls emitting silver glare in the daytime and orange light at night."

Credit: Yusuke J. Matsumura

### A UFO photo from the past

Our correspondent, Mr. Matsumura, writes to inform us that 18 years ago his

## 中国UFO(飞碟)

### 研究协会成立

本报讯 你见过天外客吗?那个被人称为碟子一样的神秘飞物到底是什么?最近,一个从事各种不明飞物的调查、分析、探讨、研究的学术团体,中国UFO(飞碟)研究协会成立,已得到中国未来研究会承认,并成为该会的团体会员。

日前协会已有会员三百余人,分布于全国二十四个省市自治区。协会成立后,马上投入了UFO目击报告的收集、整理、分析和理论探讨等工作。现已收到国内目击报告一百余份。

(雨村)

CBA International magazine published what they claimed to be the first UFO photographs taken in China. He states that his colleague visiting China at that time was a Chinese merchant living abroad. Again we apologise that our reproductions are taken from photostats. The original caption is appended.



"Sightings of these intriguing phenomena are reported in the Chinese press from time to time," it said.

"UFOs have long captured the imagination of the West, and they are arousing the interest of increasing numbers of people in China as well," it said.

"The agency said some 300 'ufologists' have organized themselves into China's first academic society investigating the strange blips of lights dashing across the sky. The society, whose members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors, and researchers, is headquartered in Wuhan in central China.

"It has branches in Peking, Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi, the agency said.

"The society has even come out with a journal called *UFO Exploration* which reports on sightings in China and abroad.

"The head of the organization is a 26-year-old student in astrophysics.

"Research and discussions on UFOs from the points of view of physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology have been conducted, *Xinhua* said.

"There has been an outburst of UFO reports in the Chinese press in the past few months following years of silence on the subject.

"The popular *Peking Evening News* last month carried a photograph, reputedly the first taken in China of a UFO.

"Newspapers in Tianjin have also reported sightings of UFOs off the coast."

Credit: Yusuke J. Matsumura

#### "UFO over People's China!"

"A strange object hovers over the outskirts of Kaifeng, Hounang province, China mainland, on the morning of October 28, 1961, watched by several people. The object appeared low in the sky and occasionally moved slowly and sometimes was almost stationary. They stopped work and gazed upwards, when Chang Ching-lai, a young engineer, managed to snap a few pictures with a camera. They watched it for about 7 minutes, until it disappeared out of sight."

#### UFO Fever!

The English-language edition of the Tokyo *Mainichi Daily News* of Saturday December 6, 1980, carried a UPI item from Peking which reported that:—

"The official *Xinhua* news agency said Thursday that people in all walks of life have been gripped by curiosity toward unidentified flying objects.

#### Sweden

##### Humanoid visitation at Västervik

The following report, taken from *AFU Nyhetsblad* No. 19, of April-September 1980 (see the article on the Injarvi skiers elsewhere in this issue of FSR) is based on a report from the newspaper *Västerviks-Tidningen*, edition of September 22, 1980:—

"The latest issue of the Swedish UFO magazine *UFO-Information*<sup>1</sup> features a story about Lilli-Ann Karlsson, a young girl from Västervik<sup>2</sup> who on the night between December 3 and 4, 1979, experienced something out of the ordinary on the Brevik Hills, a recreation area of the town. What she saw paralysed and shocked her.

"Lilli-Ann (whose surname is now Thorsson, and who lives in Linköping) tells how she — at one o'clock in the night — felt the urge for a walk before

going to sleep. Being a moonlit night she intended to walk around the Brevik Hills, directly behind her place of living at Langrevsgatan 43.

"She was walking with her hands in her jacket pockets and looking down at the ground. As Lilli-Ann suddenly raised her eyes she stopped, paralysed. Ahead she spotted a luminous object hovering about one metre above the ground. She felt herself observed, and soon two creatures came around from behind the object. They were tall like human beings, about 180cm, but much thinner.

"I couldn't hear it, but in a strange way I sensed that they were discussing my person. I felt ridiculous in their presence, but suddenly I heard a voice beside me saying I shouldn't be afraid."

"The aliens went up to her and one of them gave Lilli-Ann its hand. She saw something in the hand, like a bar of chocolate. She didn't move from her spot, however, and did not raise her arms either.

"The creatures continued to talk among themselves and after a while they returned to their vehicle. They disappeared behind it just as they had appeared. Lilli-Ann noticed a weak cloud of smoke coming from the object. Then, all of a sudden, the object was gone. She cannot describe how this occurred.

"At the same moment the paralysis discontinued, and she could move freely. Crying, she ran to her apartment. She was close to collapse when she arrived home. Her friend confirmed that she behaved in a very strange way.

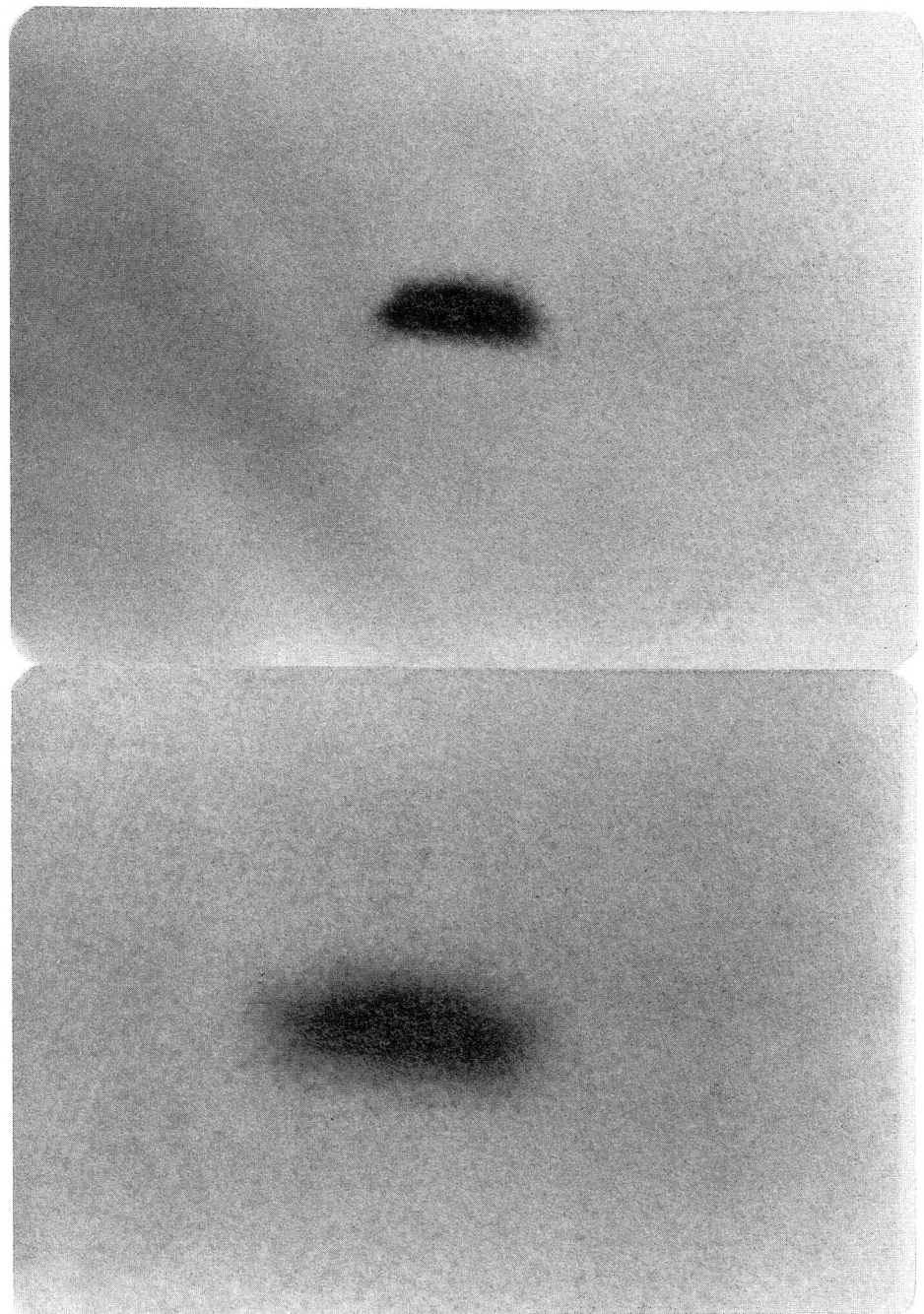
"On one of the following days she visited the place of the encounter in the company of a local inhabitant, who is a ufologist,<sup>3</sup> to see if there were traces left by the object. No traces, like depressed or burnt grass, were found.

"Lilli-Ann made a sketch of her sighting as well as taking notes.\* She thought the creatures were completely white and velvety. No facial features, but large ears. The experience may have lasted about five minutes. The creatures didn't seem to have any intention of frightening her. She rather felt as if someone was laughing at her expense, and she felt "ridiculous" in the company of the strangers.

#### Notes:

1. UFO-Information, Box 16, S-596 00 Skänninge, Sweden. Issue nr 4/1980 pages 12 and 10.
2. Västervik is a small town on the Swedish east coast (57° 45'N 16° 38'E).
3. The article in *UFO-Information* further states that Lilli-Ann's brother knew a local ufologist — Tor Wiklund — who conducted the investigation and wrote the report for *UFO-Information*.

\*[We do not have a copy of the sketch — ED]



28 October 1961, Morning, Kaifeng, Hounang Province, China. Mr. Chang Ching-lai, a young engineer snapped several photographs during a 7 minute observation.



# THE BRIGHTENING OF THE CHINESE UFO SCENE

With an 'aside' about a darkening on the Soviet horizon

Charles Bowen

A YEAR AGO our artist's impression of a Chinese UFO incident was featured on the cover of *FLYING SAUCER REVIEW*, and news was given in our *World Round-up* column of the establishment of China's UFO (Flying Saucer) Research Society. This society, set up to handle the investigation and analysis of all kinds of unidentified flying objects, had received the recognition of the Chinese Society for the Study of the Future — a name which itself conjures up interesting implications. Our information came from an item in the *Beijing Wanbao* (Peking Evening News) of November 28, 1980, which was translated by Gordon Creighton. We learned, furthermore, that at that time the China UFO Research Society had "...over 300 members distributed throughout 24 provinces."

In the recent past neither Mr. Creighton nor I made any secret of the fact that there seemed to be, in 1980-81, a considerable recession in UFO reports. We were fairly confident, however, that waves, or flaps, were going on in parts of the world where there were communications difficulties. Our respective hunches probably stemmed from the fact that over the years there had always been a certain official interest in our subject; the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Peking, and the Soviet Academy of Sciences too, have always been punctilious in renewing their subscriptions to FSR. In addition the Chinese have maintained an exchange as well: FSR for a technical — non-UFO — publication. Now that there seems to be some lifting of restrictions on communications with modern China, we begin to learn that a considerable volume of UFO reports have been made in that country over the past two years. Perhaps we were correct in our assumptions that "something was going on, unknown to us, in some relatively remote part of the world." (Again, in the past, the occasional visitor to China who has come our way — and I am thinking in particular of an Australian businessman friend, who wishes to remain unnamed — have always insisted that "...the place is 'running alive' with UFOs.")

## FSR banned

Our recent articles from Russian sources, directly and indirectly, have revealed there have been a good deal of UFO — and humanoid — cases in that country as well. At the same time, however, there has been

an unhappy development. Even before our articles were published, the "clamps had gone on". A small number of Soviet ufologists have long received the *Review*, without charge, through the post. We have learned now that our journal is proscribed, and that during the last two years all copies, other than those addressed to the Academy libraries, have been confiscated by the Soviet authorities. The Academy copies may only be read by specially approved persons, and we'd bet our bottom dollar that those persons do not include ufologists.

## Attempts to communicate with the Chinese UFO Society

Encouraged by the unprecedented trickle of UFO news items out of China, via Tokyo, in 1980, Gordon Creighton and I visited the Chinese Embassy in London. Our purpose was, first, to obtain a print of the UFO photograph allegedly taken near the Great Wall on August 23, 1980, and secondly, to establish contact with the UFO Society which, we understood, was centred at Wuhan University. Our hopes were to receive a few knocks, for our experience of the apparent "easing of restrictions" is that they still seem to be buried in a frustrating mire of suspicions. Two officials in turn stared at us in blank amazement, and neither seemed willing to take responsibility for doing anything about our request. In the end one of them suggested we try the *Xinhua* news agency, which has an office in the city. When we arrived at the agency office, the door was bolted and barred. After a while, a formidable gentleman opened the door, and we put our request to him about the photograph, whereat he looked somewhat confused. In the end he bellowed something up the hallway, and a charming lady arrived at the door, and in perfect English invited us into the news room. We repeated our request about the photograph, and spoke about the Society.

Now Gordon Creighton happens to be fluent in Mandarin Chinese, and after the lady had spoken to a colleague — the only other person in the room — and interpreted what we had said in (so Gordon told me) Shanghai Chinese, he interjected in Mandarin. The amazed Chinese faces were a wonder to behold, but they quickly recovered their composure, and switched to Mandarin, and a good time was had by all



...the fact, until the report was revised to presentment, and interpreted salient points for my benefit. The upshot of it all was that we got precisely nowhere; the best the agency could do for us was to suggest we tried to establish contact with the China UFO Society through the office which arranges the exchanges with FSR.

So we tried that, and tried again, but unfortunately, although we received a polite acknowledgement of our request — which, we were told, had been forwarded to the appropriate place — "...the wheels grind exceedingly slow."

In the absence of reports that have come directly to us, here is a selection of Chinese reports sent to us by our correspondent Yusuke Matsumura in Tokyo. They are taken from the Tokyo newspaper *Asahi Evening News* where they appeared on June 19, 1981, under the signature Bo Lin of China Features (the cross headings are mine — C.B.)

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"According to China's traditional calendar, 1980 was the Year of the Monkey. But, for the newly-established China UFO Research Organization (CURO) it was the Year of the Unidentified Flying Object.

"UFO sightings reached a new peak in China in 1980. CURO chairman Cha Leping said recently in the central China city of Wuhan, as he looked over the 77 reports of UFOs from January through November.

"We don't reject the idea that they come from outer space," he said. "We just have to study these things with an open and scientific mind."

"CURO was officially formed in May 1980 from an informal liaison centre for UFO fans at Wuhan University, which has recorded 208 sightings over the last few years.

"CURO is now a member of the Chinese Society for the Study of the Future, set up to research into unexplained phenomena. It has branches and 400 members throughout China. Cha Leping, 25, the chairman, is a student at the space-physics faculty at Wuhan University."

#### Heat radiating UFO at Dagang oilfield

"Some of the sightings reported to CURO in 1980 make incredible reading. Like the report of a group of machinery workers who were on a night prawn-fishing expedition at Dagang, the north China coastal oilfield.

"According to one of the machinists, 31-year-old Hong Changgui, the UFO appeared about 3 a.m. on October 5, 1980. It was cone-shaped, he said, flying at about 3,000 feet and apparently not very large. But, gazing up at the strange object, he felt an intense heat on his face.

"It was like standing under a stove," he recalled. "It gave off a very bright light, something like a welding arc. It was bright red at the centre and blue-green at the edges, except for the trailing edge which showed a white light.

"The whole incident lasted about ten seconds as it flew overhead with a whistling sound."

"Another member of the group, 46-year-old Jin Guomin, said: 'Frankly, I was scared. We didn't know what it was and it made such a terrible noise. But my young son started calling to it "UFO! UFO!" as it went overhead.'"

"A month later, on November 5, Li Renpei and Li Laijun, office workers at a textile mill in Jinghai county, near the big city port of Tianjin, were also up and about in the early hours of the morning. They spotted a dish-like object, emitting a green light and flying on an irregular course.

"Within a few seconds, it disappeared in the eastern sky, but it reappeared about seven minutes later and flew west. It held this course for another few seconds and then veered east again until it disappeared once more."

#### Wuhan "dish" with bright lights

"Less than a week later, on November 11, three students at Wuhan University sighted a UFO over the eastern outskirts of Wuhan at about 10 o'clock in the evening.

"According to the report the students gave to CURO, the UFO was carrying two yellow lights and two white lights. The white lights were dazzling at times. They said: 'The shape was like a dish, with the middle part protruding a little. We estimated it was about 3,000 feet above the ground and we had it in view for about 15 minutes. It flew slowly in a north-eastern direction and then made a turn right above us to take a south-west course.'"

#### Twin objects at Zhangpu cause panic, and deaths

"Not all of China's UFO sightings in recent years have been uneventful. According to the newly-collated records of CURO, at least one visitation caused death and injury.

"It happened on the evening of July 7, 1977, when more than 3,000 people were watching an open-air showing of the Romanian film *Alarm in the Danube Delta* at a playground in Zhangpu county, Fujian province, east China.

"About 8.30, a section of the audience spotted two mysterious objects hurtling towards them out of the night sky, flying so low they nearly touched the ground. The objects — there are conflicting reports about their shape — were giving off a strong orange light and flying only a few feet apart. They made no noise.

"Panic spread like wildfire, and in the scramble two children were trampled to death and 300 people were hurt. Within a few seconds, the UFOs had streaked overhead and disappeared.

"Later, the local Public Security Bureau ran the film under the same atmospheric conditions but nothing abnormal occurred."

#### Air Force pilots observe rectangular UFO at Gansu: speculatively linked with Valentich case

"The CURO file seems to show a strong link between sightings in China and sightings in other parts of the world.

"On October 23, 1978, a group of Chinese air force pilots, watching a film out of doors in Gansu province, northwest China, spotted a massive luminous object in the sky. They watched it for two or three minutes as it flew overhead at an altitude of about 21,000 feet. The pilots said it was rectangular and carrying very bright lights.

"The incident has been reported in the *Weekly World News*, Florida, but a new development is the apparent link between this UFO and the one reported to have knocked down an Australian plane only two days earlier, in October 21, 1978.

### An Early Sighting in China

*Creighton:* I have had one or two visual sightings. I don't put much store in such matters, but it is true that I wouldn't be interested in the subject today if I hadn't had them. It was during World War II, in 1941, in China. We were far up the Yangtze River, because the Chinese government had retreated from the Japanese invaders. We had reached the point, not very far from Tibet, where the Chinese made their final stand. And it was there, walking along the south bank of the Yangtze, at about two in the afternoon. There were two other men with me; one was a British diplomat, who has just recently been British Consul General in San Francisco, by the way. We were all three dead sober; we couldn't even get liquor, because the Burma Road had just been closed.

All three of us saw a very strange sight. An object was traveling very fast from the northeast toward the southwest, toward Burma. It was to me a disc-like thing, a very large disc. It was going much faster than the fastest airplane. And we were used to seeing the fastest airplane at the time, the Japanese Zero fighter. What struck me very much was that on the top of it there was a vivid white light, rather bluish, such as you get in arc welding. The light flashed on rhythmically, absolutely regularly, so you could anticipate when it would flash.

Of course, I didn't say, "There goes a flying saucer." (The term hadn't yet been coined.) I was already interested in psychic matters, had been for a number of years. Also, I was deeply interested in Oriental religions. And I did think that I had seen something psychic. A few months later, I went to the States, as British Consul in New Orleans. There I read of similar sightings in the press, during the Allied invasion of Europe.

A page from a book mailed to us anonymously while we were in the process of assembling this material.

As a flight of Mitsubishi Ki-21-Ia Army Type 97 Sally Bombers of 1937 vintage warm up at dawn at a secret Japanese airfield in Manchuria, 4 mist-shrouded bright objects appeared over the airdrome and passed down the flightline. An alert Japanese Imperial Army Cameraman caught this strange intrusion on official film.

These images are very similar to the four objects photographed at Salem, Massachusetts on 16 July 1952 by Seaman 2nd Class Shell Alpert as well as the two objects photographed at Zagreb, Yugoslavia on 21 September 1967 and the four objects photographed at St. Vallier du Thiey, France on 2 January 1974.

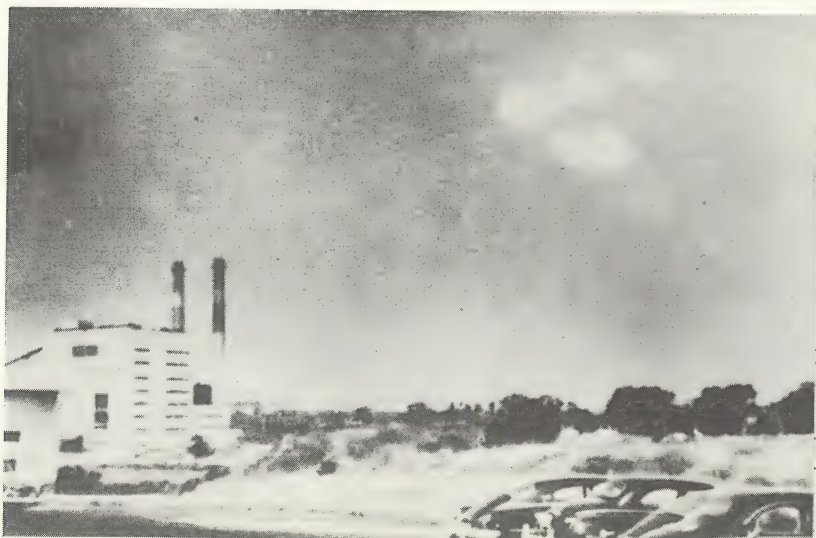
In all these cases the objects were never successfully identified and remain a mystery today.



1940, Early Morning, Manchuria. Four mist-shrouded bright objects appeared over a Japanese occupation airdrome as a flight of Mitsubishi Ki-21-Ia, Army Type 97 Sally bombers warm up for a mission over China.



21 Sept 1967, Zagreb, Yugoslavia. An unidentified photographer snapped a black and white photograph of three elipsoid, mist-shrouded luminous objects flying above the outskirts of Zagreb.



16 July 1952, 09:35, Salem, Massachusetts. U.S. Coast Guard seaman Shell Alpert observed and photographed four huge luminous cloud-like spheroids flying in horizontal formation outside his weather station window. The picture was taken through the screen of the building.

1940, Manchuria, China

Morning

Again, as another flight of Mitsubishi Type 97 bombers warm up for a mission, a single huge white “sun” appeared over the second secret airfield and apparently observed the preparation and launch of the mission. A station cameraman captured the intruder on official Army film.



1940, Morning, Manchuria. As another flight of Mitsubishi Type 97 bombers warms up for a mission, a single huge white “sun” appeared over the flight line, apparently observing the preparations. A station cameraman captured the intruder on film.

1941, Manchuria, China

Morning

Three very distinct spherical white Unidentified Flying Objects of large size paced a formation of Mitsubishi Type 97 bombers on a mission over central China. The UFOs, estimated to be over a mile away, were photographed in flight by an official Japanese Army cameraman. These strange airbourn objects were never identified by the Japanese photo analysts as any known flying object.





1941, Manchuria, China. Three distinct white spherical objects were photographed pacing a formation of Mitsubishi Type 97 bombers on a mission over Central China.



1941, Manchuria, A dark lens-shaped flying object is photographed following 3 Nakajima bombers on a mission.

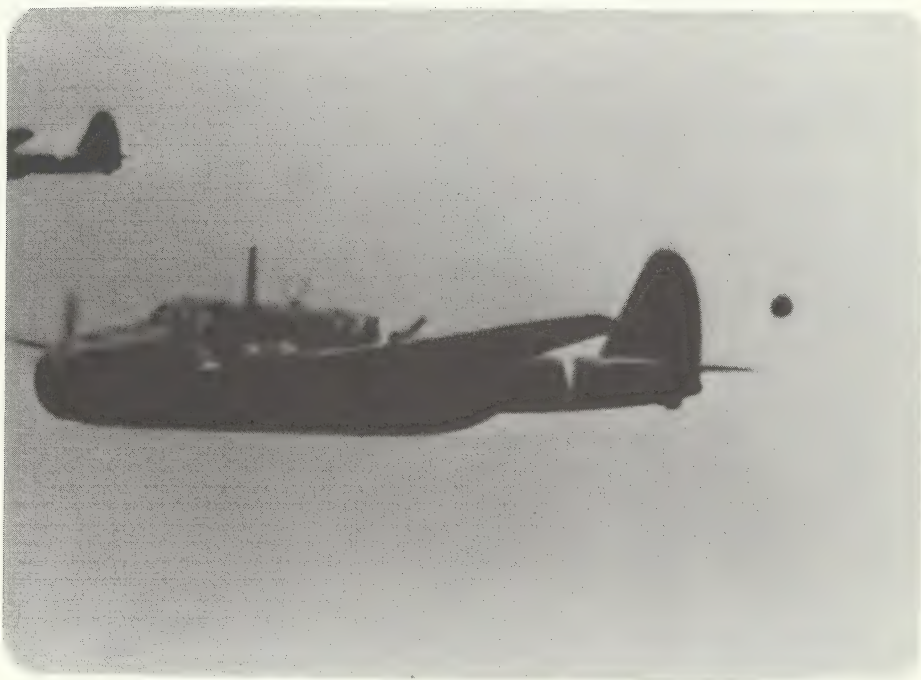
An alert Army Air Force cameraman photographing a trailing formation of three Japanese Air Force fighter aircraft succeeded in capturing a second formation of six mist-shrouded objects in a line abreast formation above and beyond the Japanese fighters. There was a scattered to broken layer of newly developing small clouds at a level below the aircraft, but there was *no* cloud development anywhere else in the clear blue sky. The six cloud-like objects paced the fighter formation for a time and then just disappeared.



1941, China Sea. A Japanese Army Air Force cameraman photographing a trailing formation of fighter aircraft captured a second group of six mist-shrouded objects in the sky above.



A dark spherical UFO was photographed closely following a Japanese Imperial Army Air Force Kawasaki Ki-48-Ia, Army Type 99, Light Bomber of the 45th Sentai on the Northern China front. This small UFO, estimated to be no more than 3 feet in diameter was believed to be somewhere between the nearest and the next plane in the formation in distance and trailing by no more than a dozen yards behind.



1942, Manchuria. A dark spherical object was photographed closely following a Japanese Imperial Army Air Force Kawasaki Ki-48-Ia, Army Type 99 light bomber in flight.



## 1942, Suzuka Mountains, Central Japan

Two small luminous cone-shaped objects were photographed in flight in the middle of a close formation of two Japanese Tachikawa Ki-36, Army Type 98 Reconnaissance airplanes, flying over the Suzuka Mountain Range of Central Japan. The objects seen in the photograph appear to be very small and dangerously close to the airplanes in flight, occupying a position directly between them, and the aircraft were no more than a plane-length apart when the photograph was made.



1942, Suzuka Mountains, Central Japan. Two small luminous cone-shaped objects were photographed in the midst of a formation of Tachikawa Ki-36, Army Type 98 Reconnaissance airplanes in flight.

1942, Tientsien, Hopeh Province, North China

Young Japanese student Masujiro Kiryu, going through his father's scrapbook of photographs from the China Campaign, just before World War II, discovered a photograph of a strange cone-shaped object in the sky above a Tientsien street. A number of people in the street are looking up and two are pointing up at the object. A sidewalk photographer snapped a picture of the strange machine and his father bought it from the street vendor for a souvenir of the place.



1942, Tientsien, Hopeh Province, North China. A Chinese street photographer captured this photograph of a cone-shaped structured craft of considerable size flying down the street of the city. A witness in the picture points to the object as the picture is taken.

## INTRODUCTION

On November 13, 1978, China's leading newspaper, the *People's Daily*, published an article entitled "UFOs—An Unsolved World Puzzle." It was the first of its kind ever to appear in the Chinese press. The author, Sheng Heng Yen, is an editor at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Almost a year later China's next-largest newspaper, the *Guang Ming Daily*, published a second article about UFOs. Written for the paper's science column, the article pondered the question, Do flying saucers exist? Its author, Chow Hsin Yen, is science-group editor of TV broadcasting at the Peking Central Broadcasting Bureau.

Chow reported that a group of scientists on an expedition in Hupeh Province had seen unidentified flying objects. This sighting was later confirmed by members of the Chinese Liberation Army who, at the time, were on maneuvers in the area. The article also reported other sightings throughout the provinces of China.

It wasn't until May 12, 1980, that the *Guang Ming Daily* again published an article on UFOs. This article, by Paul Dong, featured detailed reports of pilots, scientists, and other professionals throughout the world who had seen UFOs.

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These articles aroused public curiosity throughout mainland China. Several hundred letters written to *Aerospace Knowledge* magazine asked the Chinese government to launch a study of the UFO phenomenon. Publication of this request in the magazine drew enormous response from China's provinces, leading the government to sanction a probe under the auspices of the university in Wuhan, central China. Thus the Chinese UFO Studies Association was born. This organization, the first of its kind in China, maintains branches in the cities of Peking (China's capital city), Shanghai, and Guangdong. Other branches are located in the Guangxi region and four other provinces. It publishes its own journal, *UFO Exploration*, and it comprises workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors, and researchers in the sciences. Although the association was founded in May 1980, it wasn't until December 4 of that year that the official New China News Agency publicized the group's creation.

Two important events prompted Peking to permit a serious scientific evaluation of UFOs. One summer evening in 1965, Peking, with a population of 8 million, had its airspace violated when two bright, disc-shaped objects flew overhead. Two years later a similar incident occurred near the outskirts of the city. A bright, globe-shaped object with flashing red lights was observed by thousands of people as it raced across the night sky at fantastic speeds, stopped suddenly, paused, and then resumed its speedy flight until it disappeared beneath the horizon.

Because of this second violation of security, many observers surmised that the object was a prototype vehicle or weapon from Taiwan or some other country. Speculation led to more speculation among the population, who suggested a multitude of sources for the events. To alleviate the growing fear that these unexplained phenomena threatened the country's national security, the Peking authorities sanctioned the establishment of an academic UFO study group. Another contributing factor in China's decision to evaluate UFOs was the frequency of reports converging upon the authorities in Peking from the provinces during the 1970s.

A different opinion on this subject came from Ching Tao, a science editor for the *Guang Ming Daily*. In footnoting my article

of May 12, 1980, he stated, "Far too much clamor has resulted from the latest interest in UFOs in the area of research. Within the context of scientific involvement, UFOs are just a part of a broad spectrum of study and investigation. Without a formal study, UFOs cannot be dismissed as being the product of delusional minds."

Concurring with this viewpoint, Hsieh Chu, editor of *Aerospace Knowledge*, commented, "One cannot deny that UFOs exist, owing to the large number of sightings that have been recorded thus far in this country."

*Aerospace Knowledge* and *Science and Life* have published reports of UFO sightings in China. One sighting occurred on an autumn afternoon in 1970, when Chen Yufu, a worker in a coal-washing factory in Shanxi Province, spotted a luminous, round ringlike mass in the sky. The object, which appeared to resemble a washbasin, was trailed by a vaporous exhaust as it was observed in flight west of the factory's transformer substation.

Six years later, on September 9, 1976, at about 6 pm, a group of employees from the Jiangxi Second Chemical Factory and a few residents of Yichun City, in Jiangxi Province, observed a metallic, copper-colored object shaped like facing cymbals that was spinning on its vertical axis. Eyewitnesses declared that the object was in full view.

The following year, Zhang Zhousheng, an employee of the Yunnan Astronomical Observatory, saw an unidentified flying object over Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province, in southwest China. Some people who lived within 180 kilometers of the sighting also witnessed the event.

One final account described a huge rectangular UFO that appeared over an airport in Gansu Province at 8:40 pm on October 23, 1978. Its altitude was estimated at between 6,000 and 8,000 meters, and it was estimated to be *1,000 meters in length*.

This random sampling of UFOs is indicative of the types of reports that have been brought to the attention of the central authorities during peak periods of UFO activity. The observed phenomena can be divided into three groups (1) 80 percent appear to be round dish-shaped objects; (2) 10 percent are large and rectangular; (3) 10 percent appear as nebula-shaped bodies.



Although China strives to acquire a contemporary perspective on UFOs, reports date back to 1947, while much of the country was still under Nationalist influence. From then until the present, many people have witnessed UFOs. One such person is Chu Fook Tsang, editor of *World Book Monthly*, who, having allegedly witnessed a UFO, has since tendered his support for a program to study UFOs.

To gain a better understanding of these phenomena, China has afforded its people accessibility to information regarding UFOs. Educating the masses about this subject is an important objective of the Chinese government. Some recent steps in that direction were Chinese television's screening of an American-made film, *UFOs Are Real*, and the publication of books and periodicals on UFOs.

One clear evidence that progress is being made toward this end is the establishment of the China UFO Research Organization, an official unit of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. With the granting of government approval for studying the UFO phenomenon, those members of the Chinese scientific community in whose sphere of interest these studies lie will not, one hopes, fall victim to the clichéd cult mentality that permeates UFO research in the United States today.

In the summer of 1981, I visited China at the request of the *Journal UFO Research* editorial board and the China UFO Research Organization (CURO). It was a very successful trip. To describe its glamour would seem like boasting, therefore I only hope that the readers will not get this impression, and instead think in terms of how China is paying attention to UFOs.

On the day after my arrival in Peking, I had an interview with all the editors from the *Journal of UFO Research*, President and Vice-president of Kansu People's Publishing Company, CURO chief executive Cha Leping, chief officials from the Peking Chapter (main office is in Wuhan) representatives from Peking Observatory, editors and reporters from seven magazines and newspapers in Peking, and all those "UFO fans" who heard about my visit. For the whole day my dwelling in "Friendship Hotel" was swarmed with people who asked questions of all kinds.

On the next day, I was invited by the Peking Ching Hua

University Student Union to give a lecture on UFOs. The hall was fully packed. They wanted to know about the U.S. work on UFOs in the past and I told them all that I knew.

The third day was arranged for me to deliver a talk on UFOs in the Peking Planetarium. The Planetarium has 600 seats. Before 1:30 pm they were all occupied. Latecomers had to stand in the aisles and at the back of the hall. My friend estimated that there were 750 people present.

On the fourth day I attended a discussion session on UFOs with the editorial board of "Astronomy Lovers," "Aeronautics," and staff members of "The Third Engineering Department." More than thirty people participated in this session.

I am a native of Canton. On the first day of my visit to Canton, the CURO Canton Chapter requested me to give a seminar on UFOs. On the next day they arranged for me to give lectures in Canton Jinan University. The morning session was attended by all the staff members, while the afternoon session was attended by all of the students. On the following day I was invited by the Canton Science Museum to give a talk on UFOs.

During my one month stay in China, I visited six cities—Peking, Canton, Shanghai, Hangchow, Guilin, and Suzhou. In every place that I visited, I was invited to talk about UFOs. Because of limited time, I told them that I would do so on my next visit and those who did not have the chance to come to my talks on UFOs could find them in the coming issues of the *Journal of UFO Research*.

In the one month tour of China, I gathered information on several hundred UFO cases within the period 1978-1981. During these 4 years, it seems that UFOs have created great disturbances in China, and thus give the people a clearer picture of UFOs. The majority believe that UFOs exist, as can be reflected by the fact that the first edition of the *Journal of UFO Research* immediately sold 300,000 copies. At present, we have subscribers from Hong Kong, Maccau, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, France, the Soviet Union, England, West Germany, Yugoslavia, Mexico, Spain, Italy, and the U.S.A.

Someone said that I was a bridge between U.S. and China's research on UFOs. During my stay in China, I introduced the four main UFO research organizations in the U.S.A. and their

respective leaders. They are Center for UFO Studies, MUFON, APRO, NICAP and several other research institutes, including the Fund for UFO Research. I hope in the future that I can still be the bridge between U.S. and China, facilitating communications between the two countries.

Chinese "UFO fans" have asked me to deliver this message — they hope that the U.S. UFO experts will visit China at some future date to share their knowledge and UFO investigations.

*Paul Dong*

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FOOTNOTE- After this book had gone to the printers for publication we recieved word of another body of translations of the Chinese UFO cases being done in the French language by Shi-Bo, a veteran Chinese journalist and a founding officer in an organization which began publishing a new Chinese UFO journal which is called "EXPLORATION UFO". It was begun in 1981. His interest in this subject was whetted by the very real UFO experience of a close friend. We ordered our material held back until we could get a look at Shi-Bo's manuscript to see how much duplication there was going to be. We finally obtained a copy of the new French book "La Chine et les Extraterrestres" in December 1983 and began a case by case comparison of the material. As a result we have withdrawn many apparent duplications leaving, among others, two UFO photo cases, which we retained for the pictures because our photographs had more of the original image area in the picture, and a couple of cases involving pen and ink sketches of the object whereas Shi-Bo's report did not publish the picture. This necessitated considerable revision of our manuscript and deletion of much of our original material with the result that we now have far less than the original 600 cases we started our with. At this time however, our material is almost all new release and is a complement to the Shi-Bo translations instead of being in competition with it. (See Appendix III)



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## Chinese say UFOs have visited for 900 years

UFOs have been making bizarre visits to China for an incredible 900 years, Chinese authorities told The NEWS in an exclusive report.

Despite an official government news blackout on all types of UFO stories, reliable witnesses in China have reported encounters with unexplained flying objects.

Incredibly, one report was made 900 years ago by the famed Chinese scientist and scholar Shen Kua, who lived in Yangzhou along the Yangtze River.

On cloudy days, residents of the city reported that "a big pearl" would appear from a marsh and slowly hover over a nearby lake.

"My friend had a study on the lake," wrote Shen Kua. "One night the 'pearl' came very near to him and the hinged double shell which was round, opened slightly.

"The shell opened still wider ... inside the shell was the 'pearl' as big as a fist. The light

it emitted was as bright as silver, dazzling the eyes.

"All the trees for several miles around had their shadows cast on the ground ... The shell left suddenly, as though flying through the waves. It seemed to be surrounded by flames."

Professor Zhang Longqiao of the Xuzhou Teachers College says he believes this was a sighting of a UFO.

"From the speed of its flight," he said, "it seemed to have been equipped with a propulsion system much more advanced than anything we have — even today."

Just two years ago, Chinese Air Force pilot Zhou Quington described a UFO encounter near an airfield in northwest China.

Zhou and other pilots who were sitting outside watching a movie were stunned by the sudden appearance of a massive glowing object moving across the sky.

"It passed over our heads at an estimated height of 21,000 feet at a slow speed and it disappeared behind a row of one-

story houses about 200 feet from where we were standing," he recalled.

"The object seemed to have two huge searching lights in front and a bright taillight.

"The lengths of the columns of light kept changing, creating a sort of misty haze around the object.

"We did not know what it was and it was the main topic of discussion for several days."

Less than a year earlier in July of 1977, astronomer Zhang Zhousheng and several of his colleagues at the Yunnan Observatory spotted a strange glowing object.

"The object was yellow at the core from which a giant spiral extended," said Zhang. "It was very bright even in the moonlight and the color was greenish blue.

"This big object moved from north to west" and nine minutes later it disappeared in the clouds.

People who were watching an outdoor movie nearby later claimed to have spotted the same object.

## Curiosity about UFO phenomena vaults over China's Great Wall

PEKING (UPI)—UFO fever finally has hit China.

The official Xinhua News Agency said last week that people in all walks of life have been gripped by curiosity about unidentified flying objects.

"Sightings of these intriguing phenomena are reported in the Chinese press from time to time," it said.

"UFOs have long captured the imagination of the West, and they are arousing the interest of increasing numbers of people in China as well."

The agency said some 300 "UFO-logists" have organized into China's first academic society investigating the strange blips of lights flashing across the sky.

The society—whose members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors and researchers—is headquartered in Wuhan in central China.

It has branches in Peking and Shanghai and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi,

Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi, the agency said.

The society even has come out with a journal called "UFO Exploration," which reports on sightings in China and abroad.

The head of the organization is a 26-year-old student in astrophysics.

Research and discussions on UFOs from the points of view of physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology have been conducted, Xinhua said.

An outburst of UFO reports has surfaced in the Chinese press in the last few months, after years of silence on the subject.

The popular Peking Evening News last month carried a photograph reputed to be the first taken in China of a UFO.

Three campers sleeping out near the Great Wall of China took the photo. Their accounts said the object looked like a triple star in an inverted T-shaped configuration, surrounded by a halo light.

Newspapers in Tianjin also have reported UFO sightings off the coast.

# PART I

## CHINA MAINLAND

This section contains what UFO reports are available from all of the contiguous mainland area over which China presently claims sovereignty, including the area formerly known as Tibet.

Most of the earlier reports, prior to 1980, have been lost due to a lack of a system for reporting and processing that prevailed at the time. If we can judge by the number of reports indicated for the new period following recognition of the phenomenon, and collection of reports and data at a central level, several volumes this size would be inadequate.

The earlier reports generally lack documentation and verifiable data, which renders them almost useless for any kind of evaluation, but they do show that the phenomenon existed in about the same way and manner as in the later, better, reporting, and about the same as in other parts of the known world.

## 1940-1969

The older UFO sighting reports, in this section, are characterized by a lack of investigative data to support them. There were no organizations to look into reports and any investigations made in any kind of official capacity were not reported publicly, and frequently were not forwarded to any other agency at all. There was no media circulation of such stories and anybody having such an experience thought he was the only one. Because of this, what reports there were didn't go very far.

Even those cases investigated by authorities didn't go very far and most were not reported up the channels because the official line advocated at that time was that this was a western trick. To report such stories, seriously, indicated personal gullibility and falling for the trick.

In the orient UFOs were first identified as a physical phenomenon during the Sino-Japanese War when the strange flying objects were observed by both sides — each believing they belonged to the other. We ended our introduction with a sampling of the photos taken in the battle area at that time.

In China, as in many other parts of the world, the phenomenon now called UFO was earlier considered spirit manifestation and was treated as a religious apparition to be handled by the priests. There is a vast body of such information that will be treated separately in another book.

Let us pick up our China Mainland reporting at this point.



September 1943, 19:00, Qingxian, Hebei, Province

On 24 September 1979, a student in the normal school in the east suburban district of Tianjin reported, "At about 7 o'clock after supper on an undetermined evening, I was playing in the courtyard in front of my home in Qing Xian, when suddenly there appeared an object in the sky about 5 or 6 meters above the ground. It flashed a white light with not very long rays. Its center rotated like a plate around its vertical axis. It flew over my head, past the roof of the house, and disappeared after one minute. There were several other people beside me who witnessed the flying object at that time. I asked them whether the object had dropped down in some other place. The result of our discussion was, could this be a new weapon invented by the Japanese enemy?"

September 1943, 19:00, Qing Xian, Hebei Province

Teacher Yang Xiusong of the Teacher's Study Class of the eastern suburb of Tianjin Municipality forwarded a letter saying that he had seen some strange object similar to the "Flying Pans" as early as in 1943. He said, "I was then in my native home in Qing Xian, Hebei Province. It was during the War of Resistance against Japanese aggression period. Some time past 7 o'clock in the evening of a day in September of that year, we had just finished our supper when suddenly we saw an object only 5 or 6 meters above the ground flying from east to west. It gave out a white light, which did not spread over a large area. It's center was shaped like a pan (domed) which could stand up and rotate in the air. After a hot discussion we concluded that it was a "Flying Pan", a new weapon invented by the Japanese. (The Japanese observed this phenomenon also and even succeeded in photographing it to study in their effort to identify this new Chinese weapon).

1944, Yidu, Jiangsu Province

Hu Jun, an undergraduate in sociology at the branch school of Fudan University, Shanghai, related a case told by his father, which the old man described as so curious that it remained an enigma all his life. In 1944 during the Anti-Japanese War, when the narrator was in his teens, he was playing with another boy on the thrashing ground. Suddenly a flying object came down from the sky and landed noiselessly on the thrashing ground. A few "people" came out from it, approached the boys, stroked their heads, went back to their craft and flew away. He could not see clearly in the dark, but recalled that the visitors looked more or less like ancient Taoist monks in the serial picture books. He could not tell the shape of the curious craft. The place was Yidu, Jiangsu.

20 April 1945, 21:30, Yongchuan County, Sichuan Prov.

Comrade Zhou Huiguang of the Labor Wages Section of the Da Xian Mining Bureau of Sichuan Province recollected in his letter of 22 February 1980, an incident when he was still a twelve-year-old student as he said, "At about 9 or 10 o'clock in a night of the 4th or 5th lunar month of 1945, an incident happened in the locality of the Red Star Commune (originally the Luo Han Village) of Yongchuan County. It was the twentieth day of the lunar calendar. There was no moon. I and a schoolmate had just gone to bed. Suddenly, a flash of snow-white light shown into our room (in a peasant's house), and lighted it up completely. Loud cries were heard from outside. We at once went out to look, and saw an object more than a foot long and more than a half foot wide (apparent size), come flying in the sky from west to east. It seemed to be only several tens of meters up above." Zhou further said, "There were many other people there at that time who saw this unidentified flying object, and it was generally considered not a comet, as it had no tail, nor a meteor as it was quite big, was very luminous and flew at very low altitude."

July 1947, China

"Associated Press, 14 July 1947: '...Enormous (flying) platter emanated luminous rays in all directions (as it flew) and dazzled all who saw it'..." That was among the last Associated Press Dispatches dated in China, and was released from the Chinese Palace of State. This was the only first hand Chinese UFO report made public before the victory of the Chinese Revolution isolated China from the western world in terms of UFO news.

The silence was complete in the new Peoples Republic of China under Mao Tse Tung, and nothing was spoken or written on the subject, as though it didn't exist, until the period of the Cultural Revolution when there was so much UFO activity that fragmentary reports began to find their way out through under-ground and word-of-mouth channels even though it was considered "counter revolutionary" to speak of such things. It was through such underground channels that the 2 UFO photographs taken at Kaifeng in Hounan Province on the morning of 28 October 1961 found their way to Japan and were first published by CBA International. This object was observed by a number of witnesses for 7 minutes during which time Chang Ching-lai, an engineer, snapped the pictures of the object moving slowly in the sky, probably the first photographs in fact made of UFOs in China.

Autumn 1947, 20:00, Gaofu Village, Tangzhou, Taihe, Jiangxi Province.

Long Guangda of the Taihe Handicraft Administration in Jiangxi, in a letter dated 27 May 1980, stated that when he was 12 years old, he saw together with his father, a strange flying object in the sky moving from the southeast toward the northwest. It appeared like a coil of incense and was a good radiant orange in color. It disappeared a minute later at a great height, ascending.





Autumn 1947, 20:00, Guafu Village, Tangzhou, Taihe, Jianxi Province.

Harvest time 1948, Night, Henan Province

Lin Yabo of the Labor Union of the Xiangxiang Flouric Salt Factory of Henan Province, in his letter of 10 July 1980, recollected an unforgettable event in his childhood. He wrote his account, "A Strange Phenomenon observed in Childhood Now Has a Solution", to explain the deep impression it made on him and his anxiety in finding an answer. He said, "That was a night after wheat harvest in 1948, and the grown-ups were doing small jobs outdoors and chatting. I and some childhood companions of my own age were unwilling to stay motionless, so we chased fireflies all around. After catching some, we put them in pea pods to play with." Comrade Liu Yabo has here painted for us a very poetic picture of rural life. It is regrettable that he has forgotten to tell us the exact locality. Continuing, he said, "Suddenly, on lifting up my head I saw in the sky, not very high above, a round ball as big as the wheel of a ten-wheeled truck, rotating clockwise and flying past us in a straight line from east to west. The ball was of a deep red color in the center, with the color of the outer parts gradually becoming lighter, and the borders were light yellow. It was somewhat like the newly risen morning sun, but much bigger, and was transparent. The light was not dazzling. It rotated at slow speed but moved forward quite rapidly. There were some old men who cried out in astonishment Upon seeing this phenomenon. 'The moon has fallen down; there will no longer be any moon.' A Minute later, our view was blocked by a large stand of trees and we could not see where the big ball of light had moved to." Liu Yabo said further in his letter that, when they followed the grown-ups to some higher places to see through the spaces between the trees, the moon was still hanging in the sky not much above the horizon. They knew then that the big luminous ball they had just seen was not the moon. "This strange phenomenon has left a very deep impression in my memory, but many years have passed and I have not found the solution in any book. Recently I saw an article entitled, "Has a 'Flying Pan' visited China" in

the fourth issue of the magazine Science and Life published by the Tianjin Science and Technology Publication Association. It has led me to think whether the strange phenomenon observed in my childhood was a 'Flying Pan'?"

Autumn 1948, 09:30, Jimei Town, Xiamen, (Amoy)

Ma Wenyuan of the Shanghai Aquatic Products College of Jimei Town, reported, "In the Autumn of 1948, between half past nine and ten o'clock in the forenoon of a certain day that can no longer be fixed accurately, a "Flying Pan" was discovered in the sky of the Qingdao Municipality, Shandong Province. I was an eyewitness. The locality of the observation was the Eighth Middle School of the Qingdao Municipality (Formerly the Li Xian Middle School), and the "Flying Pan" was located to the south of the Ninth Middle School, about 10 degrees to the east, at an angle of elevation of 60 to 70 degrees above the horizon, in the sky between the Guanxiang Shan (hill) and Xinhao Shan of the Qingdao Municipality. It rose nearly vertically and moved toward the west about 5 degrees visual angle of arc from discovery to disappearance. The object was in the shape of a plate at first sight. It's apparent diameter was a little smaller than the moon. It had a certain degree of luminosity and it's colored light gave us this impression. It rotated continuously. The period of rotation being about 2 seconds. The "Flying Pan" took about two to three minutes from its first appearance when it was about the size of the moon until it's rising and disappearance. On the day of its appearance, the sky had a few small clouds, with light breezes, and the visibility was excellent. The observation was made from a shaded place. No notice was taken regarding the comparative position of the sun.

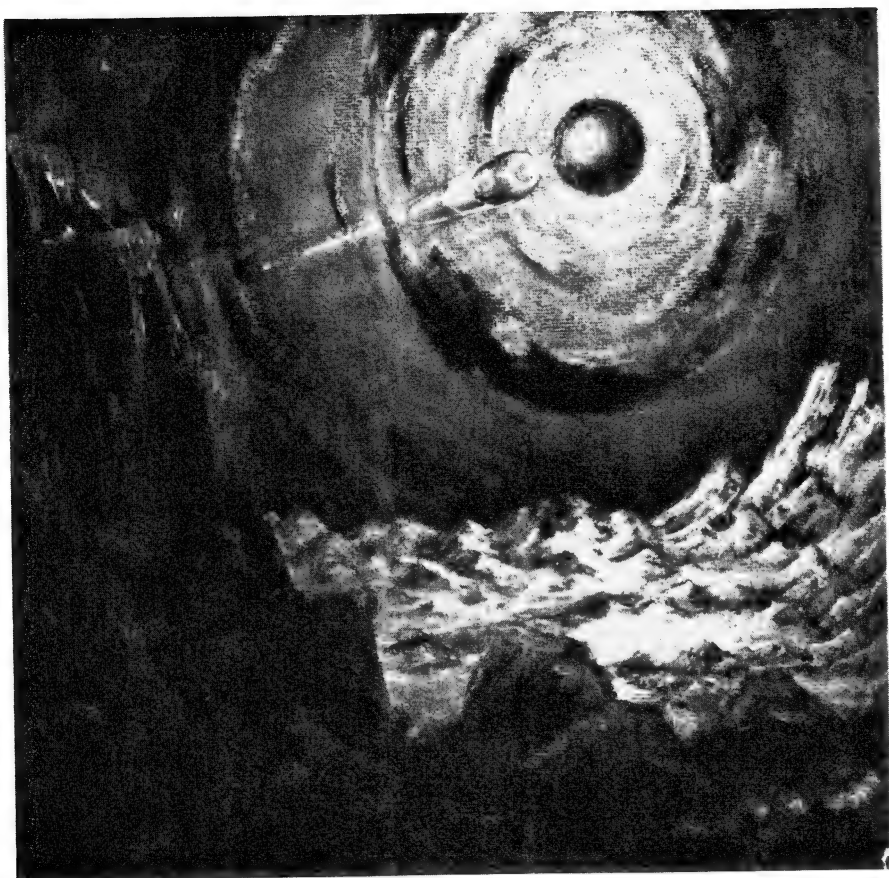
Note: This incident may be found in the Minyan Newspaper of Qingdao, in September or October of 1948. The report was possibly in the right lower corner of the first page, about 200 words, under the caption, "Flying Pan Discovered in the sky of this Municipality Yesterday."

Mid=Autumn 1954, Ouyang Rd., Hongkou, Shanghai Province

Jin Xiangyi, a citizen of Shanghai, watched a small dot that flew along very swiftly from the Western sky making a faint buzzing sound. When overhead, the object appeared to be spherical and was the size of a car wheel (apparent size) and black and shiny. It was rotating rapidly. A minute later it flew away disappearing in the east.

21 June 1958, 07:15, Xiaoping, Chensi County, Hunan

Quan Zhi offered the following statement: "It was in 1958 when I was a primary school pupil at Xiaoping, Chensi County, Hounan when this took place. On 21 June, at 07:15 when we were in the classroom, an orange colored ball of fire was observed in the sky. It was the size of the sun, and flew from above the southwestern hills, stirring teachers and pupils in astonishment. It's apparent size was two meters across as it flew along at an elevation of 60 degrees above the horizon. It was a light yellow color in the center. Dark spots like black smoke or fog twirled clockwise above the ball, but it could not be distinguished whether it was the smoke or the ball itself that rotated. To the rear of the ball was attached a long cigar-like tail about 5 meters long and .5 meters in diameter (apparent size), which was a light blue color in the forward part, white in the middle, and light yellow in the last segment. The ball and the cigar-like tail travelled at the same altitude, with the same speed and in the same direction. Their speed was slightly lower than that of a propeller-driven airplane. They made a 120 degree turn when reaching the center of the small basin in which the school was located, then flew to the southeast along the upper reaches of the little river there. It remained in sight about 8 minutes from the time it appeared until it's disappearance behind the southeastern hills. The sun did not rise until 30 to 40 minutes after the UFO had vanished.



21 June 1958, 07:15, Xiaoping, Chensi County, Hunan.

When the UFO flew over the basin it gave off a light as powerful as the summer sun, bathing nearly the entire basin in a flood of golden rays. Clear shadows were cast under all illuminated objects. When it shined on the body of the observer it produced a conspicuous feeling of heat.

The cigar-like tail gave off a light about one third the intensity of that of the fireball. A vague sound like the chirping of birds was heard from the cigar-like trail when the object sailed overhead. In the meantime we seemed to smell a peculiar odor which resembled that emitted by a vacuum leak-detector when it is sparked.

Twenty-four years have passed, but my memory of the curiosity remain unblurred. As a technician of micro-electronics, I have kept a reserved attitude in the discussion of UFOs. Nonetheless, I consider it necessary to write out my personal experience which might be of some research value."

Summer 1958, 20:30, Wangjia Village, Boyang County, Jiangxi Province

Wang Ziteng who worked in the Athletics Committee of the Hantan District, Hebei Province, recollected an unusual experience: "At about 8 or 9 o'clock in the night of a day in the summer of 1958, a strange incident occurred in my native home in Wangjia Village, Boyang County, Jiangxi Province. I was then cooling myself in the outdoors courtyard when suddenly I heard some house-wives cry out in dismay, 'Alas, it is some omen (meaning forecasting some calamity)!' I looked up and saw in the sky several tens of feet above the ground a round flying object which was emitting red and bluish-white rays of light. It was not flying fast. The people about me took hold of kitchen knives or wooden sticks. or forcibly beat the bamboo beds they were resting on, with the object of frightening the strange thing away. Later, the strange object slowly flew away. This scene of astonishment and dismay is still fresh in my memory. Not long ago when I returned home we still talked about this event. There are many people there who still remember it."

25 July 1957, 04:00, Huangshi City

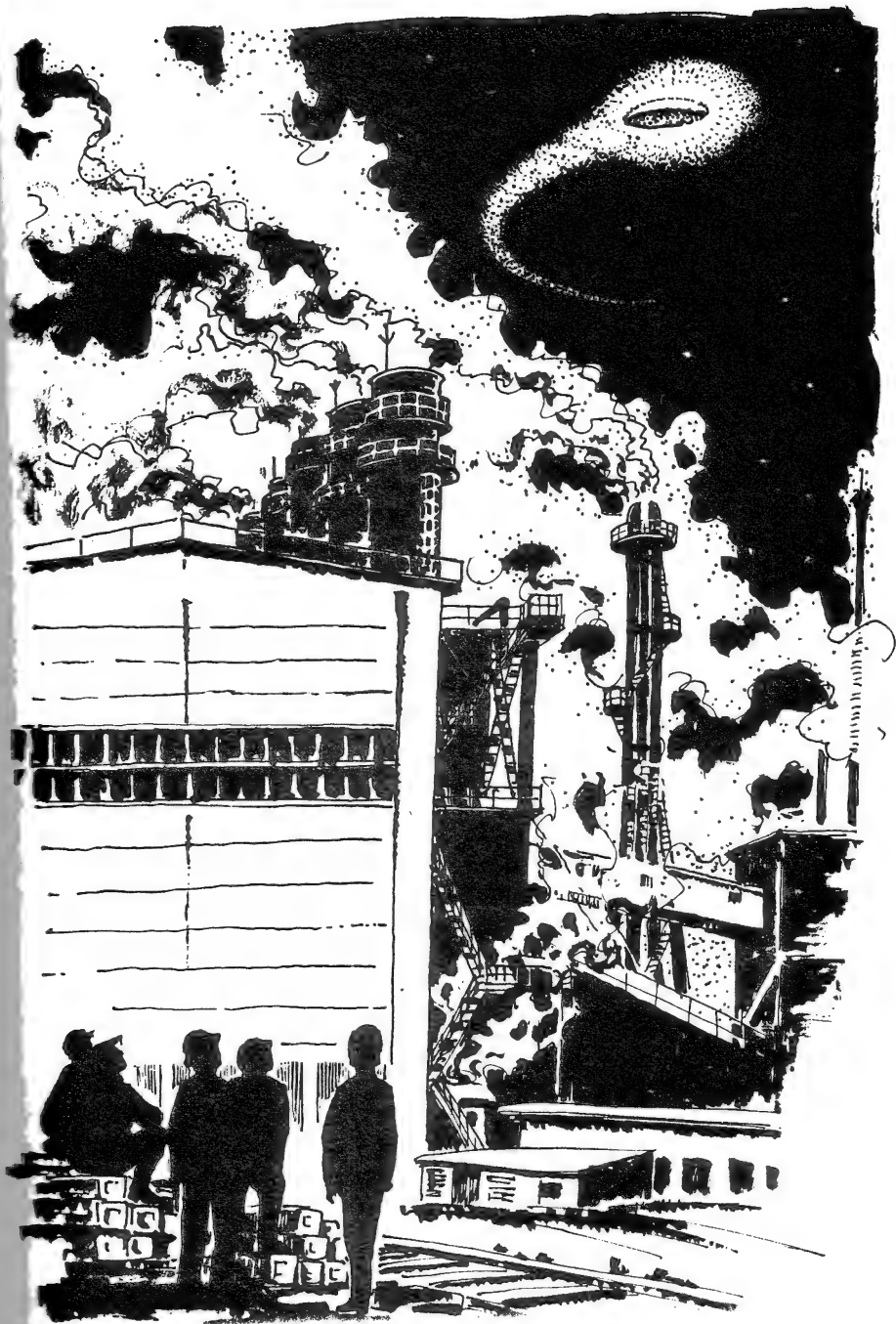
At 04:00 on 25 July 1957, when Lu Nongzhu and other workers of the metalworking shop of Xialu Iron and Steel Works, Huangshi City, were having a rest in the morning at the door of the 2nd steel rolling workshop, Daye Steel Plant, They suddenly heard a humming sound in the sky. Then they saw a bright spot in the star-lit sky in the southwest. It was moving at high speed and grew bigger as it came nearer, and the humming sound became a sharp whistling noise when it flew overhead. The flying object had the shape of a circular plate, rotated rapidly, and emitted a dazzling white light. It flew in a huge semi-circle, leaving a white trail behind it. Then it flew away to the east, diminished into a tiny white spot, and vanished into the eastern sky. The sighting lasted 2 to 3 minutes. The altitude of the object was estimated at 1,000 meters, and the whistling was louder than a jet plane. The witnesses were terribly scared.

1958, 23:00, Shihezi Plant, Xinjiang Province

One night in 1958, at about 23:00, Wang Wenxiang, a designer for the Power Equipment Department, Shihezi Diesel Engine Plant, observed a flying object that was round and emitting a very bright white light, so dazzling as to bar observation. It travelled from west to south, rising higher in its advance, then flew east. It emitted a very loud rumbling sound as it flew. It was a brilliantly radiant orange color in the center and was giving off a white light from the edge. There was no rumbling sound while it was flying eastward. It rotated rapidly as it advanced along a spiraling course and illuminated the whole night sky, villages and hills in the neighborhood. It remained in sight for 3 to 4 minutes.

1958, Heilungkiang, Sinkiang Province

In Hong Kong the U.S. Air Force Information Office



25 July 1957, 04:00, Huangshi City, Xialu Iron and Steel Works.



reported a number of sightings of "spherical rosey colored objects" seen in the air over Heilungkiang and Arsalan in the province of Sinkiang. In Arsalan many witnesses among the Kazhak ethnic minority reported watching the red luminous spheres operating in the sky above. One overflowed the city of Kuldja where it reportedly approached, changed direction, stopped and hovered for about a minute and then flew away. Another rosey sphere (or the same) was observed over the city airport. Another report came from the inner city where the light was seen above a factory. Nobody reported flashing beacons or any sound. The factory report described a lustrous metallic object about 40 centimeters across by 20 in height (apparent size) and wondered if it was a new Soviet artificial satellite.

1958, Central China

A letter smuggled to Japan from Wu Chiyuan, a member of a Chinese National Construction Battalion on maneuvers, described a great disc-shaped luminous object of orange color, of surprising size and brightness in the China sky. The object descended like an airplane in a steep dive, then more shallow at low altitude, sloping out to no more than 25 degrees. It was completely silent. It circled at low altitude for about one minute, and then ascended up at a very steep angle at high speed and disappeared above.

Early 1960, Night, Nanjing

He Qingxian reported that during a tornado one summer night in Nanjing, a luminous ball flew past at a steady slow speed and at low altitude. Then another huge ball of an apparent diameter of 5 meters, and radiating a brilliant light descended from the sky. It halted a short while at a few meters elevation, and then flew away. Besides this, 2 luminous spots of light like auto headlights were seen in Nanjing's suburb. They entered a cottage and then the cottage rose into the air. This was reported in Nanjing Ribao with a scientific explanation, "tornado phenomena"!

April 1963, 20:00, Fenshui Township, Hanchuan County, Hubei Province

Zhou Youde, now an undergraduate in physics, Class 7802, Wuhan Teacher's College, when 15 years old at No. 8 Middle School of Hanchuan County, together with several other pupils of the junior 3rd class of the same middle school which graduated in 1963, observed a strange phenomenon from the school playground. At 08:00 that day, when the pupils came out of the classroom, they saw a black spot in the northeastern sky at an elevation angle of 30 degrees. Its diameter was about 50 centimeters (apparent size). The black spot shot out a slender and very straight beam of light in an easterly direction. The object emerged noiselessly from the clouds at a great altitude. It glowed with light at intervals of about one minute, and repeated the process 3 to 4 times, then went off. The object travelled horizontally in the sky, stopping at intervals, then going slowly eastward. It may have come from the north, and went westward after making a turn. It was not clear whether the object rotated. The light beam remained slender and straight, and didn't diverge or disperse. Its altitude was believed to be around 150 meters above the ground. The night was clear and windless. When the light beam went out for the last time, the object was in the eastern sky at a 30 degree elevation angle, and subsequently the object was lost from sight because it was not light-radiating of itself. The light beam seemed to extend a great distance. The speed of its flight increased rapidly. It remained in sight for about 4 minutes. The place of the sighting was in Chang-jiang-Hanshui basin, with no mountains or hills around, offering a wide field of vision. There was no power supply in the locality.

July 1963, Afternoon, Lan Zhou City, Gansu Province

Pharmacist Shi Guo Kao heard a loud noise in the sky one july afternoon in 1963. She looked up and saw a fire-like object land in her back yard. The object

spun around very rapidly before her eyes, and was making noises. After about a minute, the color of the object turned to a dark red and it suddenly exploded with a thundering noise which slightly shook her house and irritated her ears. The object then leaped into the air and disappeared up into the sky above, leaving behind it a red trail.

Mid-August 1963, Evening, Fenshui Commune, Hanchuan

Again in August, 1963, Zhou Youde, in company with Zhou Jianxin, a commune member, and a few dozen others, were enjoying the cool on the thrashing ground of Xieli Brigade, Fenshui Commune, Hanchuan County, when suddenly a very slender beam of light shot out from the western sky. First it shown on the gable of Zhou's house, then moved on to the spectators. It was so bright that the people could not open their eyes. All uttered a cry of surprise. The beam moved eastward and shown on the ground, its light spot a few meters in diameter. Like a similar case already reported, the light radiating flying object itself was rather dim and could not be clearly seen, but its apparent diameter could be made out to be more than 30 centimeters. The light beam then moved horizontally eastward, went off and on two or three times, then went out of sight. It moved rather slowly, stopping at times, but rapidly gained speed. It appeared in the west at an elevation angle of 20 degrees, turned east, then vanished in the north at 20 degrees elevation angle. The night was cloudless and without wind. The observers believed it to be the same kind as that which appeared four months ago. The powerful light beam suggested a mighty source of energy. The light beam which swept the ground remained in sight for 3 minutes.

October 1963, Kuangtung-Wuhan air route.

On an undetermined day in October 1963 an Li-2 Airliner (A Soviet-built version of the Douglas DC-3) on the Kuangtung to Wuhan air route was chased by

three luminous unidentified flying objects for 15 minutes. The pilots gave a moment by moment report of the action by radio to the Chinese Civil Aeronautics Administration during this time. Upon landing, the crew was debriefed by Air Traffic Control, and the passengers were interviewed by authorities and ordered not to discuss the incident with anyone.

October 1963, 18:00, Anfu County, Jiangxi Province

Zhouxiang Middle School, Anfu County, Jinggangshan Prefecture, Jiangxi Province, was the site of an unusual event. Xie Yizhi, of the Provisional Telecommunications Press observed, at about 18:00 hours, a round flying object in the sky. Its initial position was almost vertically overhead (60 to 70 degrees angle of elevation), and it approached at great speed, becoming larger as it came closer. It came down to an altitude of about 100 meters, at which time it looked a few meters in diameter. In 3 to 4 seconds it flew up rapidly and vanished in the sky above. The whole duration of its appearance did not exceed 5 seconds. The object was slightly brighter than the moon. It flew at extremely high speed, and was not seen to be self-rotating.

1 January 1964, Daytime, Shanghai

On New Year's Day of 1964, many citizens of Shanghai observed a tremendous sized cigar-shaped aerial object flying slowly toward the southwest in the sky above the city. MIG fighters were scrambled and pursued the strange intruder but failed to force it down. The witnesses did not accept the explanation that the object was in fact an American missile.

Summer 1964, Night, Macheng County, Hubei Province

Witness Cai Shun'an described, in a letter, an experience that happened 17 years ago. A round luminous

body seen at 500 meters altitude radiated a golden color and was surrounded by four rings of light of various colors. Its apparent diameter was about 250 millimeters (apparent size) and it appeared to be more flattened than spherical. It was bright but not dazzling as it moved overhead, going northward from the south at a slow steady speed, and without any sound. It travelled about one li, then suddenly vanished. The sighting lasted 30 to 45 seconds.

#### Summer 1965, Daylight, Beijing

In the early summer of 1965, Lin Moulán of Beijing, saw a rotating ball-like unidentified flying object. It rose gradually into the sky and disappeared above.

#### Summer 1965, Night, Chongwen District, Beijing

Observers Song Jiandong, now working at the county rediffusion station of Jingan County, Jiangxi Province, lover of astronomy, then a student of 19, and Song Jianmin of Tongji University, Shanghai, saw something very unusual to them in the summer of 1965. While observing stars in the night sky of Beijing, Song Jiandong suddenly spotted a very bright white star-like object overhead. It was moving slowly eastward, like a satellite. Soon a larger spot of light came into sight behind the first one. Its apparent diameter was 1 to 2 centimeters (at arm's length). It was elliptical in shape and gave off a bluish-green light. Song hastened to get his home-made astronomical telescope for better observation. In the telescope the smaller object remained a tiny star-like spot, but the larger one appeared clearer. When Song put down his telescope, the larger object suddenly dashed toward its minor companion at a speed many times its initial pace, and the latter picked up speed as suddenly to escape. Now the course of flight began to zig-zag instead of going straight forward. Proceeding east, the objects made a sharp turn northward.

A minute later the two objects looked as if they were about to collide, when both suddenly went out of sight. The two observers believed that, judging from the striking difference in their size and the astonishing rate of their acceleration, they could not have been satellites. The two objects first appeared in the sky overhead, then vanished in the northwest at 75 degrees elevation. The brightness of the larger one was -3m to -5m. The night was cloudless and without wind. (Beijing sky is restricted airspace. No flight is allowed to penetrate without permission. Air Traffic Control did not know who the intruders were that night.)

August 1965, 22:30, Qitai County, Xinjiang Province

Comrade Zhao Zhiyun, an old geological brigade member who had worked in Xinjiang for more than twenty years, and more than twenty times had crossed the Tianshan Mountains from south to north, reported: "On a day in August 1965 we were making geological surveys south of the Kalameili Mountain, west of the Jiangjun Guobi, and north of Qitai County. At half past ten in the night, more than thirty persons of the Branch Brigade were cooling themselves outside of the camp. Suddenly they saw a huge fire ball, as big as a wash basin, emitting a blue light, flying from west to east, from the center of the Jungar Basin. It moved horizontally in mid-sky at slow speed. When it came to above the Kalameili Mountain it dropped down in a parabolic trajectory. When this fireball struck the earth it bounced up again more than ten meters, and then dropped down a second time, creating a sea of fire that lighted up a very large part of the sky, and was extinguished only after about ten minutes. The sky was quite clear then and there was no wind. In the pitch dark night the sight was especially magnificent. After determining its direction by compass to be 350 degrees from the Ziliujing Barracks, the distance was estimated at 3 to 5 kilometers. After discussion, it was unanimously considered to be the fall to Earth of a man-made satellite, which caused some trees and firewood to catch fire. As such tree had

few leaves, no big fire resulted. The next day, Zhao Zhiun and a broadcasting station worker, Li Taiqian searched for signs of the fireball for 5 kilometers in the direction observed but nothing was found. The firewood and trees remained undisturbed! This was remarkable considering the number of observers involved here. Some Army unit comrades also searched without finding anything unusual.

#### Autumn 1967, Night, Tongxian City

Dong Kuori wrote, "In a late Autumn night of 1967, I, as a worker in the armed forces department of Tongxian, was on sentry duty in Tongxian City when, at about 02:00 in the early morning, I suddenly discovered, high in the sky about 400 meters above me, a round dark red ball of light the size of two rooms. It moved from south to north along the air route at a speed slower than an airplane. Fifteen minutes later it was lost from view in the distance." The night was clear as the huge round luminous object appeared in the sky over the outskirts of Pechino. The bright red ball of light circled the area at great velocity and then little by little it slowed and came to a halt in the sky. It remained in the area for about 15 minutes and, although it flew both fast and slow, its usual velocity was about that of an airplane in flight.

#### Early 1968, Night, Luda, Liaoning Province

In early 1968 four coast artillerymen of the Naval garrison at Luda, Liaoning Province in north China, discovered a golden luminous object of oval form that flew along leaving a thin trail in the air. It climbed steeply at an incredible speed. A short time later the object disappeared in the sky to the right of the fleet. The moment the egg-shaped object began its ascent all communications failed and so did the radar, almost causing an accident in the fleet. The naval patrol went on alert and the fleet commander ordered his men to prepare for combat. The situation was very tense! A half hour later, at a critical moment, communications and instruments suddenly began to



function normally and the elements of the defense force were once more in contact with each other. A two-man Coast Guard Patrol reported seeing the object land on the south coast. Soldiers sent to investigate found that it had mysteriously disappeared.

Mid-April 1968, Gobi Desert, China North Frontier

Gu Ying, an interpreter for the New China Agency, about 30 years old, once served four years in the military construction regiment in the Gobi Desert on the north China frontier. When he was 17 years old and had finished his first semester of studies at the secondary school, he was sent to a military construction regiment in the great Gobi Desert. At that point the Cultural Revolution was under way, and all of the students, without exception, were sent to work on field projects. In mid-april his battalion was working on a great irrigation project in the north Gobi region. "We were working quite late when I heard a comrade cry out, 'What is that, that is coming?'" I raised my head and looked in the direction indicated, where I saw a great disc of light trailing flames in the sky as it slowly descended to the Gobi sands. It was a luminous red-orange in color and had an apparent diameter of 3 meters before it landed. It passed alongside at a slight inclination above the horizon. We could see a separate more luminous point of light flashing in the mass of light. As it was less than a kilometer from us when it passed by we could see the detail clearly. It landed suddenly and the commander of the company telephoned the headquarters of the regiment who dispatched a team of motorcycle troops to approach it. Without doubt the arrival of the motorcycle troops was detected by the disc, because it suddenly ascended like an arrow and disappeared in the sky above. As the northern frontier passes through this region, most witnesses felt that this was a new reconnaissance machine from the enemy to the north inspecting the progress of the work on the canal. We did not know anything about UFOs at that time. The object left traces of its landing in the

form of a seared cross on the ground. As we knew nothing of these objects we did not study the mark on the ground. We only thought in political terms and believed that this signified some kind of preparation for an eventual enemy attack from the north. The soldiers long stationed in the Gobi had seen these things before, and the great fireballs in the sky were not so unusual to them. The landing and take-off were a new twist.

August 1968, Dusk, Zhaohe Obo, Hulun Buir League, Inner Mongolia

At a border defense post at Zhaohe Obo, in Inner Mongolia, Ma Jicheng, then a serviceman at the defense post, now working at the power shop of Baotou Cotton Mill, saw on two occasions a silvery boat-like, transparent object at about 1,000 meters above the border defense post. It moved slowly from the direction of Chermen Gol River toward the east and eventually vanished in the distance. Each time, it remained in sight about 10 minutes. The observer used binoculars on both occasions, and made out the object to be the size of a car. Its shape was that of a boat and slightly egg-shaped. It had a transparent cover which gave it the appearance of a huge electric tube. Apparently it contained many things inside, but they could not be seen clearly. The shell was silvery and light-reflecting. It flew without sound, had neither doors nor windows, and was very beautiful in the air. The evening was cloudy both times these events occurred. Other soldiers at the border post claimed similar sightings.

January 1969, 20:00, Jiangyou County, Sichuan Province

Chang Xinggong, formerly a member of the "Workers' Propaganda Force", Now on the staff of the Xingye Company, Wuhan Steel Corporation, noticed that the exercise compound of the middle school suddenly illuminated brilliantly. A very powerful ray of light shown on the observer's body and face. It was so dazzlingly bright that he could hardly open his eyes. Then he



Late August 1968, Mid-day, Border Area, Xinjiang.

on the observer's body and face. It was so dazzlingly bright that he could hardly open his eyes. Then he collected himself and found the source to be a cylindrical object. The beam was like the rays from a giant searchlight. Its color was greyish-green with light pink hues on the surface, as beautiful as a rainbow. Height somewhat surpassed diameter. An extremely colossal object, it hovered at a slant, motionless and noiseless. At a height of roughly 350 meters it was clearly visible with the naked eye. From the lower end issued three powerful light rays in the form of a triangle. Their color was a mixture of red, yellow and white, much brighter than the full moon, so that the whole compound was lighted up. About two minutes later the object moved up and down four times, the range of motion being a few meters. Then it flew slowly to the northwest, dimming as it went. The observer watched it until it went out of sight. The duration of the sighting was a minimum of five minutes. Next morning the observer mounted to a height to look around, and found no tall towers, or any searchlights or their like. He concluded that it must have been some "modern Soviet photographing device", and kept it all to himself for fear of being condemned as a "rumoring and sabotaging element".

End August 1969, 21:00, Beijing

At about 9 o'clock of an unspecified night at the end of August 1969, Wang Xiting and three other comrades discovered three ribbons of light flying side by side in the sky above. The ribbons on the two sides were a little smaller than the central one. The width of the ribbons was more than ten times the diameter of the moon, and their length was five or six times their width. The nocturnal ribbons had a soft luminosity and a clear sharp contour. They flew noiselessly at a medium speed and gradually disappeared in the distance. Whatever was making the ribbons of light was not visible to the observers. They listened carefully but heard nothing.

September 1969, 20:00, Baoqing County, Heilongjiang

Li Guiying, supplies officer of Baoqing County 853 Repairs and Construction Factory, Heilongjiang Province, in a letter of 18 July 1980, wrote, "At about 8 o'clock of a night in September 1969, the sky was fine and clear. Suddenly two big red fire-balls appeared in the sky. They were separated from one another by about one meter, and were very near the earth, about 15 to 20 meters above the ground. Each fire-ball was as big as a medium-size rice bowl (apparent size) and red in the center. The outer layers were yellow and white. They emitted very strong beams of light which dazzled the eyes. The two fire-balls maintained a distance of about one meter separation and each, rotating continuously about its own axis (vertical), moved from south to north at a very slow speed. There was only 2 to 3 minutes' time from the balls' discovery to their disappearance. When disappearing, the two fire-balls gradually flew upwards 4 to 5 meters and then suddenly extinguished. What was still more strange was that, although they were so near the earth from discovery to disappearance, they had not made the slightest noise.

September 1969, 21:00, Taoshan, Tili County, Heilongjiang Province

A report was submitted by comrade Niu Xingping of the Mining Engineering Department of the Geological Ministry. His letter was written on 6 July 1980, but at the time of the event he was working in the Taoshan May 7th School for cadres of Tili County. In his letter he said, "After about 9 o'clock on a night in September or October of that year, all the people there were preparing to go to sleep. A comrade named Kang Shuozhi went out to pass water. He idly looked at the sky and suddenly discovered a round red ring-shaped celestial body with a red star in the center. It was flying from north to south. The round body, (about as big as a 28" bicycle wheel) flew with the red star simultaneously at its center. They seemed to be 7 to 8 thousand meters above the ground." Niu Xingping also said in his letter that there were 7 or 8 other witnesses there and saw this unidentified

7 or 8 other witnesses there and saw this unidentified flying object at the same time. After flying above for 3 or 4 minutes the object disappeared in the southern sky. There was no moon that night and the sky was full of stars. "On the next day, I heard that the militia and the watch sentries of Tili County had also seen this peculiar celestial phenomenon." Baoqing and Tili counties are both in the eastern part of Heilongjiang Province. "Their straight-line distance from one another is only some 300 kilometers, and they are in nearly the same latitude. We should therefore consider whether the above two reports were about phenomena that occurred on the same day."

1 October 1969, 16:00, Chung County, Yunan Province

At 4 PM on 1 October 1969 an unidentified flying object the size of a tent was seen in the sky above Chung County in Yunan. It flew quietly without any sound and reflected the sunlight brightly. The object then descended on the other side of a mountain, and authorities immediately dispatched a number of soldiers to look for the object. Nothing was found, but at 11:05 the next day, the object was seen again in another part of the same region. About 400 people witnessed the second sighting.

Winter 1969, Night, Liaoning Province

On an unspecified night in the winter of 1969, Zhang Lixia and others of Liaoning Province, discovered a white luminous object like a big parachute flying from north to south in the sky above the Toudao Guo Production Brigade of the Yang-yun Commune. It flew over for about 5 minutes. More than 10 responsible members of the Production Brigade followed and searched for the object, but found nothing.

# 1970-1979

This period was characterized by a lack of sound investigative and research data as it was before, until the close of 1978 when the first UFO articles were published in the Chinese language in the popular press. This then signaled the respectability of the phenomenon and witnesses began to tell others of their strange sightings. Handwritten underground UFO journals came to light, and in 1979 small UFO research groups came into being and began to collect case data. Most of the sightings released to us for this period were of luminous phenomena seen in a dark sky. There was a flurry of activity reported in mid-September 1971, about the time when then Vice Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and Minister of National Defense, Lin Biao, escaped from the country in an airplane that crashed in the Wendur Khan District of the People's Republic of Mongolia. A large round spherical object was observed in the skies of Shan County of Shandong Province for 5 hours on 9 September 1976, the day Chairman Mao was buried. Thousands observed it. At 16:15 the same day a large circular object resembling cymbals clamped rim to rim was seen over Yichun in Jiangxi Province. At Zhangpo County in Fujian Province 3,000 at an outdoor movie on 7 July 1977 were stampeded by two low-flying UFOs that swept over the crowd. Two children were killed and 200 injured in the melee. 1977 was a year of major UFO flight activity with a wave of activity in July. 1978 was quieter but 1979 picked up to a full fledged wave of UFO activity with 28 cases released to us for that time, however the big wave came in 1980.



Early 1970, 22:00, Taining District, Fujian Province

One day in the early part of 1970, at about 22:00 hours, a peasant of the Taining District of Fujian Province, saw a metallic flying object in the form of a pan descend behind a hill. The object radiated a very brilliant green light. While it was still behind the hill, and the glow could be seen, the witnesses heard a soft incomprehensible musical tone. Thinking this very strange, the peasant reported it to the village headman. The local Army Commander mobilized hundreds of militiamen and they tried to surround the area. The sky was overcast and that night was very dark. The militiamen thought that it would be difficult to approach the object directly and proceeded to surround it under the cover of the forest nearby. In about an hour the flying object ejected a bright white light, forcing the line of encirclement to retreat as the object took-off very rapidly straight up into the sky. There were many eyewitnesses to this performance. A member of the militia present that night (who insists on anonymity) said that when he and the men arrived below the hill, they could see the brilliant light but that they did not hear any sound.

Spring 1970, Night, Yongji County, Shanxi Province

On an unspecified spring night in 1970, Wang Mingning and Li Yingde of Beijing, saw a circular unidentified flying object in the sky above the top of Chongtiao Mountain, which is due south of the Wuxing Hu Farm in Yangji County, Shanxi Province. It was as big as more than ten moons. It gave out a dazzling white light, and gradually changed its shape into an ellipse. It appeared also to have a light ring around it. the monstrous object looked like a flattened circular disc of light, and when it tilted it looked like an ellipse. It soon disappeared without a trace. There was much speculation about what this mysterious luminosity could have been.

Mid-year 1970, Ulanbuhe Desert, Inner Mongolia

Wang Li wrote, "In 1970 I was working with a military construction regiment in a Young Citizen's Cadre. We were working in the Bayangaole Region in Inner Mongolia, near the great Ulanbuhe Desert. There we had a grand field of vision, like at sea. One night I was sitting on the ground with some friends when, suddenly, we saw a light approaching in the sky. It was a red ball of light and it was moving rapidly in horizontal flight toward the southeast. As it came nearer to us it looked like a glowing ping pong ball. In a moment it disappeared, but then a strange object appeared in its place, of white color, which divided into two parts that moved apart and formed a cigar shape. The object turned at an angle and we could see that the two ends were illuminated and the middle was in shadow. Then a point of light was ejected from the long object and it flew to the rear of the cigar and disappeared. As it kept getting higher in the sky we could not distinguish more details."

June 1970, 21:00, Tongchuan City, Shaanxi Province

From a highway opposite Shunhe Village across the river from Chenguan, Tongchuan City, Shaanxi Province, observers Liu Genji, a worker at the Transport Repair Department, Municipal Capital Construction Corporation, in Tongchuan, and a few others present, saw a mass of misty cloud in the east. It was milky white and semi-transparent. The sky was otherwise cloudless. Twenty seconds later a round luminous object emerged from the cloud, brighter than the moon, 40 centimeters apparent diameter, and travelling along in a spiral path. It was making one circle every 15 seconds. It left a belt of cloud behind it which was milky and a light blue in color. The object flew away in a short time and disappeared over the horizon. Nobody was able to explain the presence of the strange visitor.

June 1970, Night, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province

On an undetermined night in June 1970, at the playground of the Northwestern Telecommunication Engineering Institute, Xi'an, Shaanxi, Hu Min, a worker at the Electrification Bureau, Ministry of Railways, Beijing, then a student 25 years old, and Liu Zhiyong, now working at the Hanguang Machine-building Factory, Handan City, were among a few hundred people who observed a strange occurrence at the same time. A very bright object was seen in the northwestern sky at an elevation of 45 degrees above the horizon. It was an incandescent red in color, drum-shaped and was emitting red hot gasses from both upper and lower sides. It went up and down very slowly, standing still most of the time. No sound was heard. It seemed to be radiating some sort of light all around its body. The altitude was estimated to be less than 1,000 meters. It remained in sight for 30 minutes during which time the color did not change. It may have been rotating but this could not be definitely determined.

June 1970, 00:00, Yanghan Commune, Qian County, Shaanxi

Xing Benxian, a postgraduate student of the Dazkai Brigade, saw a round flying object of silvery white color that appeared made up of a coiled belt of silvery light with a red star in the center. The belt was broader outside than in the center. The degree of brightness was between that of a full moon and a bright star. It was soundless. No rotation was noticed. It flew westward horizontally at a steady speed and was lost in clouds in the northwest at a 40 degree elevation angle.

August 1970, Night, Changziguo Teng, Jinxian County, Liaoning Province.

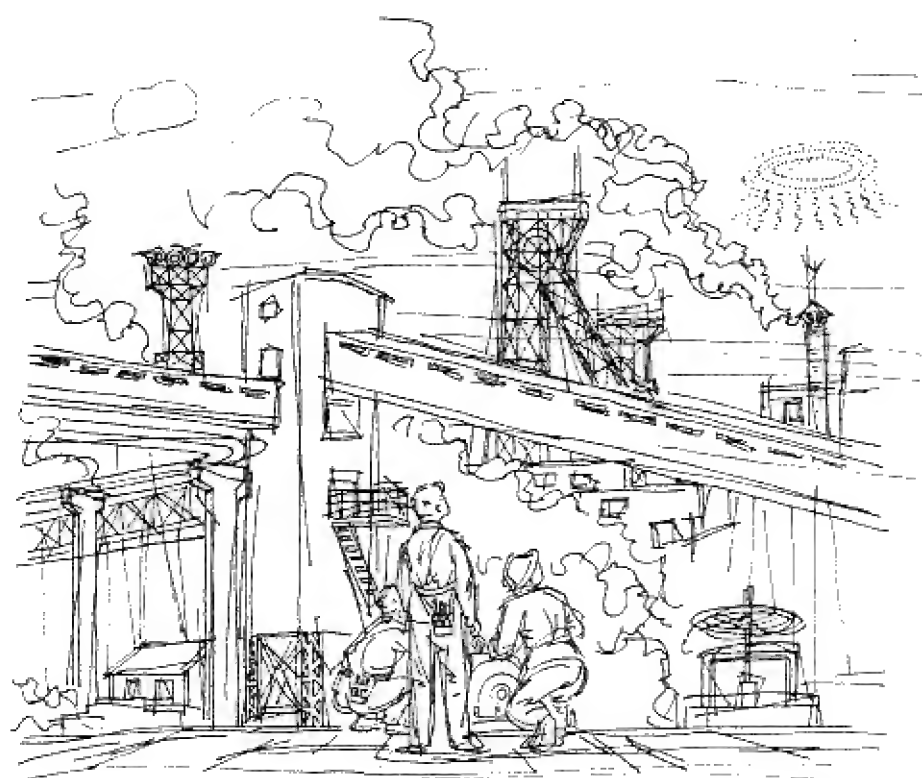
Huang Guling of the Cultural and Educational Office of the Jinzhou Municipal Revolutionary Committee of Liaoning Province, in his letter of 5 July 1980, supplied some new particulars concerning his UFO sighting as follows: "The location of the occurrence

supplied some new particulars concerning his UFO sighting as follows: "The location of the occurrence was probably in the Changziguo Teng of the Qiaoniao Commune in Jin Xian County, or in the Jinzhou Municipality (the writer of the letter could not recollect exactly). He said in his letter, "On a night about in August 1970, I was strolling outdoors with a comrade. We walked and looked at the sky at the same time. Suddenly he exclaimed, 'Look! There is a star flying in the sky.' I looked in the direction he pointed out to me. It was truly an unidentified flying object." According to the description of Huang Guiling, the unidentified flying object was round in shape and colored yellow and white. It flew from north to southeast at a leisurely speed and in a jumping fashion. It was estimated to be flying at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 meters. After about 3 to 4 minutes it disappeared.

Huang Guiling formerly served in the Army and participated in the Anti-American War. He was used to observing airplanes at night. He was quite sure that the unidentified flying object he had seen was "positively not an airplane", as it was a big yellowish-white ring that radiated light, and not any lamp. It did not fly straight forward like an airplane, but moved up and down in its flight and was very slow in its forward movement.

September 1970, 21:50 to 22:00, Western Suburb of Lanzhou, Gansu Province

Xi Qingsheng reported that he had observed a round UFO giving off a yellow light. It rotated clockwise at a rate of one round in 8 to 10 seconds. It moved slowly and steadily along in a straight line from northeast to southwest. No sound was heard. The sighting lasted about 2 minutes before the object flew out of sight. Xi Qingsheng had never seen anything like this before



October 1970, 18:30, Shaanxi Province

October 1970, 18:30, Jeixiu Coal Washing Station, Shaanxi Province

From the top of the underground reservoir of the transformer substation at Jiexiu Coal Washing Station, Shaanxi Province, Chen Youfu, an electrician at the station, then 21, observed a silvery ring of light in the western sky at an elevation angle of about 20 degrees. Its apparent diameter was some 40 centimeters, and it was emitting a few strips of gas or rays which flowed downward. It came down slowly, then began to rise, flew southward, paused, then continued its flight, becoming smaller as it went further, and finally vanished into the southwest at an elevation of 15 degrees. It rotated clockwise and flew at an altitude of about 3,000 meters when it was moving horizontally. There was no smoke or sound. It flew over a munitions factory. A sketch shows the object when it was coming down. When it was ascending, the downward emissions became straight.

Winter 1970, 19:00, Ningxia

At about 7 o'clock on a winter night in 1970, Ling Ming of Ningxia discovered a bright star (first magnitude) moving from east to west in the sky. When it was near zenith, it slowed down and ejected a bluish-white mist that enveloped it completely. Soon after that it just disappeared.

1970, Night, Gansu Province

A member of the People's Liberation Army, Liu Zhangzhou, was on sentry duty in remote Gansu Province when, he says, he saw an entire village enveloped in blue light. "I looked toward the source of the light and saw a flattened oval-shaped luminous object in the sky. Its center was a golden yellow and it was surrounded by a deep orange colored cloud. After two minutes it picked up speed and flew to the east. The place then returned to darkness. Because of his fear of authorities at the time Zhang withheld his story for 10 years before finally coming forward and publicly



1970, 24:00, Datan Commune, Fengning County, Hebei Province



fear of authorities at the time, Zhang withheld his story 10 years before finally coming forward and publicly relating details of this amazing experience. Many secret UFO sightings have been reported throughout remote Gansu and Xinjiang Provinces, and especially the Gobi desert near the Soviet Border. A special UFO study group was formed especially to keep track of sightings and activities of UFOs in the border area.

1970, 24:00, Datan Commune, Fengning County, Hebei Province

Tien Li submitted this report, "It was 1970, when I had just left school and settled in the countryside, staying at Datan Commune, Fengning County in Hebei. One night I was returning from a neighborhood village with two other pupils, Zhao Yuhu and Liu Guoliang. It was a dark night and the road was bad. Close to midnight, our way was suddenly lit up as if by a mercury vapor lamp. It was so bright that the roadside mounds and groves of trees were all illuminated. Looking around, we were astonished to see a red, ellipsoidal object rise from behind a nearby hill. It looked as big as a round table and was surrounded by a yellow halo. Soon it reached overhead. Very much scared and very cautious, we grabbed stones and hurled at it the best way we could, but we were short of the target. It was well beyond our reach. In about a dozen seconds it withdrew behind the hill again from where it first appeared, and soon all returned to darkness."

April 1871, Night, Mawangzhuang Village, Nuhe Commune, Fengtai County, Anhui Province

Qian Ruhu, a worker at the Shanghai Telecommunications Equipment Component Factory, then a student residing in a rural district together with other peasants, watched a mass of whirling sparks in the sky. The central part was an apparent 30 centimeters in diameter, was silvery white, and looked like it was

rotating. The object was observed in the west at an elevation of 40 degrees above the horizon. It flew farther away. It was not half as bright as the moon and was soundless. The sighting lasted 15 minutes.

Summer 1971, 19:00, Jianli County

At about 7 o'clock in the evening of a summer day in 1971, Yuan Kueming, an 18 year old girl student of the People's Dayan Farm of Jianli County and others were outside the house in the fresh air. Suddenly they saw a brightly luminous flying object, shooting out dazzling white rays as it came flying from behind the house. The whole yard and surrounding area was lighted up as if noon. The flying object was only several tens of meters above the housetops. It flew noiselessly and slowly from the south towards the north. There were also there several children who could not look steadily at the object for its brilliance. They hurriedly escaped into the room and hid themselves.

Late August 1971, Night, Yingshan County, Hubei Prov.

The conditions spoken of by Hu Zujian of the Finance Bureau of Luotian County, Hubei Province in his letter of 16 June 1980 were comparatively simple. The unidentified flying object observed by him was discovered in August or September of 1971. The locality was the Leidian Commune of Yingshan County, Hubei Province. He said in his letter, "On a day when it was completely dark, a ring of light giving out a very strong illumination suddenly appeared in the northwestern sky at a not very high altitude. It rotated and dropped down noiselessly. Many people ran out to look at the sudden appearance of this strange object, and watched it falling down on the other side of the mountain. The time taken for its rotating and falling down was about 2 minutes. As we are in a hilly district here, the object appeared to have fallen on the other side of the mountain, but in reality

it was disappearing some distance away." Comrade Hu Zujian has mentioned that the district armed forces department believed that this indicated some kind of enemy movement and mobilized a large number of militia-men to search the mountains that night. The strange "light ring" stirred up many people, and there were of course not a few eyewitnesses.

5 September 1971, 21:00, Caoxian County, Shandong Province

Li Aimin of the People's Liberation Army 80811 Unit, in a collection of material dated 31 December 1980, said, "At about 9 o'clock in the evening of 5 September 1971, I and several dozen commune members of the Liti Kou Production Brigade of the Conglou Commune, Caoxian County, Shandong Province, discovered in the western sky an unidentified luminous body. The weather was fine that night, and the sky was full of stars. The luminous object appeared to be like a brimless hat, with a long tail on it. Its diameter was about three times the principal body thickness. It wavered and dropped down slowly like an unstrung kite." The impression obtained by Li Aimin in observation was, the luminous object was exceedingly bright. Its brightness was only a little less than that of the moon. It was slightly golden-yellow in color. The speed of its descent was not too great. After about 5 to 6 minutes, when it had dropped down to the roof level of the house, it suddenly disappeared.

13 September 1971, Afternoon, Ansai County, Shaanxi

At Ansai County, Yanan Prefecture, Shaanxi Province, observer Ma Kelin of Yanhewen Commune, Ansai County, observed a saucer-like luminous object flying from east to westward. It was rising and falling slowly as it went. Its altitude was much lower than the elevation of the moon. It remained in sight for about a dozen minutes. He wondered what the object could be and where did it come from.

13 September 1971, 19:00, Xilin, Inner Mongolia

At Abag Banner, Xilin Gol, Inner Mongolia, observer Zhang Li, of the North China Products Administration Department, 1st Mechanic and Electronic Equipment Corporation of China, watched a brilliant flying object in the western sky. It was rotating while falling to the horizon. It left a trail behind, which looked like smoke but was luminous, and slowly vanished.

13 September 1971, 19:00, Qingxu County, Shanxi Province

At about 7 o'clock in the evening of 13 September 1971, when the general meeting of the commune members from the Chen Ma Yu production brigade of Qingxu County was just over, comrade Hao Shugong, who was working there, and many villagers, saw a red luminous body the size of a wash basin (apparent) on the top of a mountain in the west. It rotated, rose from the foot of the mountain and then dropped back down again. All this occurred within about 5 seconds. There was no cloud and no wind at the time. The sun had already gone down.

13 September 1971, 19:00, Yi Meng Abga Qi, Inner Mongolia

It was 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day when Comrade Zhang Li, a young intellectual who had gone to work and live in a production brigade in the Yi Meng Abga Qi grassland of Inner Mongolia, was coming out from a yurt to draw milk, she turned her head and saw in the crimson sunset of the western sky, a luminous object slowly rotating and falling on the horizon. It trailed behind it a trace of light, which was like smoke but was also luminous. This trace of light gradually disappeared. There were many herdsman who saw this also. Zhang Li was of the opinion that it was not an airplane, because she had seen airplanes before and could distinguish them.

Mid-September 1971, Evening, Luo Shan Wu Jai Po,  
Xinyang County, Henan Province

Comrade Guan Wen of the Chinese Scientific and Technological Information Research Institute recollected that, "In an evening in the middle of September in 1971, I and a colleague surnamed Zhang saw in Luo Shan Wu Jia Po of Xinyang County, Henan, in the western sky at about one or two li above the ground, a milky white flying object. It was oblate in shape, as big as a millstone, and brightly luminous as if it had a lamp inside it. Its circumference was clearly defined. It moved slowly from east to west. As seen from afar its speed was not much quicker than a horse carriage. The eye-witnesses looked at it for about half an hour. It then disappeared in the distance." (It was in the early morning of 13 September 1971 that then Vice Chairman of the Chinese Communist Party and Minister of National Defence, Lin Biao, and his followers, rebelled and were escaping in an airplane which crashed and was destroyed in the Wendur Khan District of the People's Republic of Mongolia. The day was therefore a notable one with which the witness associated the memory seven years later when this report was made.) Considering the absence of reporting on UFOs in China in the 1970s the above kind of report was considered very rare.

Mid-September 1971, 22:00, Ulasutai, Inner Mongolia

Sheng Shuhui wrote, "When I was just past 10 years old, in mid-September 1971, I was working with a special military organization of young cadres from Beijing. The group was then on assignment in Inner Mongolia at a place called Ulasutai. I was the leader of the 3rd squad of the 2nd company of the 5th Division. Our company was working in a valley between some hills. As we had no electricity, we were obliged to go to bed when it got dark. One night, at about 22:00, two comrades and I saw a strange phenomenon. In front of us, in the dark sky, appeared a bright round luminous object with an apparent diameter of a third of a meter. It moved slowly as it radiated a yellow light and was

surrounded by a corona of luminous red haze. Our attention was riveted to the object. One of the others wondered if it could be the moon seen in some strange way, as it was flying from east to west. Then it commenced to turn and to accelerate. The moon couldn't do this! The object then crossed the sky very rapidly and disappeared from view toward the west. The local pesants later told us that such things as this occurred frequently in that desert because A UFO BASE EXISTED OUT THERE!!!

17 September 1971, 18:00, Weichang County, Hebei

Wang Yongxao, a student of the Beijing Steel and Iron college, reported his observation as follows: "By chance I read the letters of the 3 "flying pan" witnesses published in the fourth issue of Air Navigation Knowledge of 1979. The particulars reported in one of the letters were nearly the same as what I had seen. To be sure, it can not yet be positive that the objects seen were really flying pans. I only supply them to you so as to help in future study."

"In the middle ten days of September 1971, possibly on 17 September, I was living and working with the second team of the Chashang Production brigade of the Daopazi Commune in Weichang County, Chengten District, Hebei Province. At about 6 o'clock in the evening of that day, we had finished out work when, suddenly, I saw an orange-red ball of fire, very much like the sun, on the top of a mountain in the distance. The direction was to the north and slightly to the west. The fire-ball jumped up and down, and appeared to be dragged by something. After about one minute, it dropped down lower and was no longer visible. I was greatly astonished and called some of my fellow workers to look at the object. None of us knew what it was. The object was probably a flying pan. I have not studied the subject, but I have always remembered that incident."

17 September, 19:00-20:00, Gucheng County, Hubei

Li Gong of the County Water Conservation Bureau, saw a mass of yellowish-green light in the form of a luminous body in the northwestern sky at low altitude (about 40 degrees elevation). In appearance it was quite like a photograph of a galactic nebula. It moved farther away at low speed while rotating slowly, and was soon lost in the clouds. The sighting lasted about 3 minutes. A UFO was observed on the same day by Cai Decheng of the editorial staff of Aviation Industry Technology, and Wang Rongyao of Hebei.

18 September 1971, Dusk, Jixian, Henan Province

Wang Xue'an and others of the Foreign Languages Bureau of Beijing, observed a flying object on 18 September 1971 in Jixian, Henan Province. "On that day when the sky had not yet become dark and the moon was not yet up, a big wheel of fire suddenly appeared 2,000 to 3,000 meters high in the sky. It rotated slowly in a clockwise direction as it moved forward. The object had the appearance of smoke and mist, and looked somewhat like a whirlpool nebula. It gave out a yellowish-white light and was noiseless. It appeared to be comparatively dense in the center, and less dense toward the edges. Its speed of rotation was comparatively slow, but its forward movement was much faster. There were more than 10 witnesses observing this."

18 September 1971, 19:00, Jixian, Henan Province

A letter from a resident of Beijing dated 27 September 1979 reported, "At about 7 or 8 o'clock in the evening of 18 September 1971 the sun had set and there was no moon and a number of students in a school in Jixian had just finished their supper. They were reading books or newspapers, writing letters, talking with one another, or doing whatever each preferred in their dormitory room. Having something to do elsewhere, I went out of the dormitory door, and



as I came out, I saw in the sky, about 2 to 3 thousand meters above the ground, a big luminous ring rotating clockwise and moving slowly forward. I cried out loudly and all the people in the room came out and saw what I saw. When I discovered the luminous ring, it had already passed above our school and was slowly disappearing in a northwestern direction at an elevation of 60 to 70 degrees. The big ring of light was in a gaseous state, very much like a spiral cloud. It was a light yellow in color and did not make any noise. Viewed carefully, its central part had a greater density, while its edges were less dense. It rotated at a very slow speed, but it moved forward quite rapidly. More than 10 of us watched this peculiar phenomenon until it completely disappeared.

18 September 1971, 19:30, Liyuan Commune, Ji County, Hebei Province

Zhu Xiuying and a dozen other translators of the May 7th Cadre School of the Foreign Languages Bureau, at Liyuan Commune, Ji County, Hebei, saw a huge ring of yellowish-white light in the sky at an altitude of 2 to 3 thousand meters. It continued rotating slowly as it moved at a steady speed horizontally in a northwesterly direction. Its brightness was like the moon. The elevation angle when first sighted was about 70 degrees, and this decreased to 40 degrees in the distance. It was completely soundless. The sighting lasted more than a minute. After reporting this incident, the observers recieved a letter from Song Haiwen, an undergraduate at Harbin Ship Building Academy, stating that on the same night, the same, or a similar object, was seen from the county seat of Ji County (40 kilometers west of Liyuantun), where the observation was even more clear. There, a core was seen in the middle of the ring of light which emitted smoke and fog outward.

25 September 1871, Dusk, Xinzheng County

Yang Junqi, in a letter dated 23 July 1980 submitted this report: "I was an intellectual youth, then working in the rural Shadong Qiao Village, Xiaoqiao

ed this report: "I was an intellectual youth, then working in the rural Shadong Qiao Village, Xiaoqiao Commune, Xinzheng County, about 40 li south of Zhengzhou. Towards the evening on September 25th, 1971, the sky was not yet dark, and I was about to return home to spend the National Holiday. Just as I had gone out of the village, I discovered in the northwestern sky a luminous flying object of the (apparent) size of a ping-pong ball, which was rotating back and then forth from upper right to lower left. It was dark yellow in color and was moving slowly not very high above the horizon. It left a trace of light as a trail as it passed, and its spiral-shaped contour could be clearly seen." According to Yang, the weather was fine that day and there were stars in the sky. When he had gone 5 li from the village, he could still see the flying object rotating in its original position.

25 September 1971, 19:00, Baofeng County, Xuchang Distr.  
Henan Province

Liu Xiaolei of the Administrative section of the Zhengzhou Cigarette Factory, who supplied this report, was also an intellectual youth then working and living in a rural village. Notably, this thoughtful man had recorded this strange incident in his diary. He wrote, "At 7 o'clock in the evening of 25 September 1971, a strange object appeared in the northwest sky. It was an object the size of a star but whiter than a star. It was making an inward counter-clockwise spiral movement. The luminous body trailed a broom-like gaseous tail, which gradually changed from bright white to a dimmer color as it gradually moved in a south-westward direction and disappeared in its spiral orbit." In his letter accompanying a copy of the diary page, Liu explained, "I remember there were several school-mates and local people who also observed this object. The duration of the observation was about 3 to 5 minutes. There was a small hill to our west but the luminous body disappeared before it was obscured by the hill. The size of the whole spiral body was about the same as, or a little larger, than the full moon. Its bright white center was somewhat larger than a

first magnitude star. The tail of the spiral body was wider and thinner than the front or middle parts. This indicated that the spiral body was in reality an orbit formed by the movement of the bright spot; it was not a solid body. Apart from that, the bright spot moved smoothly and with a medium speed."

This and the case above may have been separate observations of the same phenomenon. Xinzheng and Baofeng are not far apart.

Late September 1971, 19:30, Dingxian City, Hebei Prov.

Chen Chu, a member of a certain Peoples Liberation Army unit in Dingxian, submitted this report: "In an evening in the last 10 days of September 1971, our unit was carrying out an assignment in a small valley north of Tangxian City. At about half past 7, when the sky had just begun to grow dark, we suddenly discovered a circular ball-like object, like the moon, rising slowly to the north of our quarters. The ball gave out a lot of misty gas from its edges, making it a magnificent cloudy and smoky sight. After remaining in the sky for several seconds, it spurted out a strong jet of mist or smoke and rose to a certain height. Then it remained stationary for some seconds, and then rose again to a new height. Then it stopped for some more seconds, and began to drop down until it gradually disappeared in the night sky. As our Army units were in a state of combat readiness due to the Lin Biao incident, we reported our discovery instantly to our superior authorities and dispatched a motor car to pursue the flying object. Because of the ruggedness of the mountain road, the motor car turned back after having chased the object for more than 10 li. Reports recieved at that time indicated that a number of places had observed this phenomenon but nobody knew what the object really was. For many years I have tried to explain it as a plane, a balloon or some other flying thing, but have always felt that there is a very great distance between such things and the object observed.

September 1971, 19:00, Fuyang County, Anhui Province

Qian Faqiang, a student at the Wuhan Institute of Survey and Drawing, observed a bright object in the sky due north of his position. It was circular in shape and flew slowly from east to west. A dozen seconds later a tail appeared in its rear like that of a comet. The tail grew into a wider belt of light when reaching a northwesterly position. Then it turned south and the tip of the belt of light began coiling upward, and continued to roll up. When it had reached 10 degrees by north, the tail had coiled up 6 rounds. It then became a white light with a yellowish tinge. Then it began to climb while dimming down until it vanished from sight.

Late September 1971, Evening, Yunyang Town, Nanjiao County, Henan Province

At a place 2 kilometers northeast of Yunyang Town in Nanjiao County, Gao Jianhua of The People's Bank of Nanyang Municipality, Henan Province, observed a spectacular phenomenon. On an evening in the last 10 days of September 1971, when this event occurred, he was serving in the Capital Establishment Engineering Army Unit. On that night the weather was fine and the sky was full of stars. Gao was walking with several other people on the railway station platform outside the barracks. Suddenly he discovered in the north by west night sky, a huge wheel of light with a diameter of about 24 inches (apparent size). It was rotating clockwise and moving slowly and noiselessly toward the northeast. The perimeter of this big wheel of light carried a remnant luminous tail resulting from the rotation, like the tail of a comet. After 5 minutes the big wheel of light rose higher and higher and flew farther and farther away until it disappeared in the northeasterly sky.

End September 1971, 19:00, Fengtai County, Anhui Prov.

Qian Ruhu of the Shanghai Rui Jin Electrical and Communications Appliances Factory, submitted a detailed

description of a strange flying object he had seen. He said, "At about 7 o'clock in a night near the end of September 1971, when the brighter stars had just become visible in the sky, I and many local residents of the Jiahe Commune in Fengtai County, Anhui Province, observed a strange flying object. When we first saw this flying object, it was about 40 degrees elevation above the western horizon and was about as big as a full moon. It was not so bright as a half moon. While rotating, it spurted out white fire sparks in all directions and was surrounded by a mass of smoky clouds. The sparks expanded outwards very slowly and could not be seen clearly. It looked like a whirlpool constellation in an astronomy picture. I estimated the height of this flying object at more than 5,000 meters above the ground.

End September 1971, Night, Gujining, Inner Mongolia

Hadengzhorige, a Mongolian who lives in the northern part of China was an eloquent witness to the strange UFO events unfolding along the North Frontier. He told a correspondent of the New China Agency, "Near the end of September 1971, the unit of the PLA in which I served was working in the forest west of the village of Gujining, in Inner Mongolia. At that time the political situation was very tense and we were well prepared for the possibility of war to come our way. To finish our task in time, we worked very hard. We went to bed with the sun and got up at dawn. In the quiet of the night, our relaxation was interrupted by the noise of a loud explosion. At an angle in the sky a brilliant white luminous object appeared. Between the object and the ground was a column of red flame. The object was enormous and more than a meter in apparent diameter. It flew rapidly from the southwest toward the west, and was more than 30 kilometers from us. When it rose to 4,000 meters in the sky, it turned into a stationary beacon. It slowly descended, then ascended and descended again. This went on for about 5 minutes as the object moved more and more toward the west, finally disappearing in the distance. There were many witnesses.

4 October 1971, 18:00, Yuxian, Henan Province

Another member of the People's Liberation Army supplied the following statement: "At about 6 o'clock in the evening of October 4th, 1971, we were having our supper (I was then serving in a PLA army unit stationed at Yuxian in Henan Province). Suddenly we found that there was a very big ball-like body moving in the northwestern sky. It was of an orange-yellow color, very high up in the sky, and was twice as bright as the moon on the fifteenth day of the lunar month. We were greatly astonished, and at once asked the chief of staff to come out and look at the object. He did, and a troop of soldiers was at once dispatched to follow the object with carriages. They were unable to catch up with it. When the soldiers arrived at the White Sand Reservoir, 35 kilometers northwest of Yuxian, they met another army unit and a group of militiamen who were also chasing the flying object."

That report was signed by Zeng Lei (706 Factory).

Mid-October 1971, Evening, Zhengyang County, Henan

Liu Jialong of the Humic Acid Research Institute of Loyang District in Henan Province, wrote a letter in which he also spoke of seeing a strange flying object in Zhengyang County of Henan. He said, "After supper on a day in October 1971 someone cried out in surprise, 'Look! We are making another experiment!' and all of us ran out to look. We saw, in the western sky, a circular ring of light a little larger than the moon. It was about 30 degrees above the horizon. Its light was somewhat less bright than the moon and was not dazzling. It rotated in its original place, and was much brighter in its center. It was very much like a logarithmic spiral in mathematics. At last, it flew away. People present at the scene included colleagues of the Shandong University, South China Technological College and the Xi'an Communications University. No one could explain this peculiar object."

Late October 1971, Evening, Yueshi Zhuang, Fengrun County, Hebei Province.

Wang Xuejun of the Students Section of the League Municipal Committee of Tangshan Municipality in Hebei Province, in his letter of 21 August 1980, carefully described a 'Flying Pan' phenomenon that occurred in Yueshi Zhuang (village) Commune of the Xinjun Township Worker's Committee of Fengrun County. Wang was then an intellectual youth drawn to the Commune Broadcasting Station to be a telephone main line operator. In his letter he spoke from this background. After the September 13th incident (Lin Biao), the Commune Party Committee laid down new rules affecting his work, to insure the unimpeded transmission of the broadcasting lines. We could easily imagine the shock that might result among the local community by the sudden appearance of the unidentified flying objects after this. In his eyewitness report Wang Xuejun wrote: "In the evening of a day near the end of October 1971, (I cannot recollect the exact date), the sky was cloudless. The sun had already gone down, but it was not yet dark. As I was about to eat my supper, I accidentally discovered in the sky, in the position of the sun at 4 o'clock on a summer afternoon, two round objects somewhat larger than wash-basins (apparent size). They were incomparably clear in outline and were very conspicuous in that sky. One of the round objects was at a lower altitude." On seeing these strange flying objects, Wang Xuejun immediately recollected the death of Lin Biao in Wundur Khan caused by the explosion of his airplane with which he attempted escape to the Soviet Union. He was greatly alarmed. He at once reported by telephone to comrade Wang Liancai, Chief of the Armed Forces Department of the Commune. Wang Liancai ordered him to report, with special urgency, to the Armed Forces Department of Fengrun County. After Wang had the two Armed Forces Departments connected by telephone, Chief Wang Liancai reported the conditions and received a reply that nothing unusual was seen there (50 li away). Meanwhile Wang Xuejun was still keeping an eye on the strange flying objects. He said, "I found that the objects

were moving steadily toward the west and were gradually becoming dimmer. Their shapes became elliptical, and hair-like lines appeared on their rims making them less clear. Finally they disappeared in the distance." The whole observation lasted 5 to 6 minutes. Wang Xuejun said that besides him there were the Chief of the Armed Forces Department and several cadres of the Commune who had also seen the strange flying objects. The interesting thing was, at the end of his letter he mentioned, "I was unwilling to take part in the discussions under the earlier period opinion that the 'Flying Pans' were a false hypothesis, that they were only insects charged with electricity. I wish to tell you now that, the witnesses of my report, the Chief of the Armed Forces Department and the Commune cadres are all living, and I believe that they were also deeply impressed.

16 October 1971, 14:00, Chaoyang, Liaoning Province

At about 2 hours after mid-day in the afternoon of 16 October 1971, a 45 year old engineering officer of Unit 57603 of the People's Liberation Army was marching along the right side of a route through the village of Chaoyang in Liaoning Province when he happened to raise his sight to the sky and was astonished to see a bizarre flying object in the shape of a barrel. He estimated its length at 4 to 5 meters with a diameter of 2 to 3 meters. It was flying in the sky 400 to 500 meters distant. It was a bright metallic object that flew along the route without any haste. Its speed was about equal to that of an automobile and it slowly began to turn to the south. Then it stopped in mid-air as though watching the people below. It remained there hovering for about a minute, and then suddenly sped away and disappeared.

October 1971, 20:00, Udan, Inner Mongolia

Reng Encheng, an engineer for the Bureau of Geology of Inner Mongolia, saw a UFO of bizarre form. He wrote, "In October or November of 1971, some technicians and



I were on our way to the village of Chifeng. At about 20:00 that evening, as we were coming up to a point some 20 kilometers from the village of Udan, we suddenly discovered a brightly luminous object behind us in the sky. It was as big as a basketball (apparent size) and was rotating. As it rotated, its appearance changed to that of a giant medusa, brilliantly luminous and flying in the sky. The unknown object disappeared behind us as we drove.

Autumn, 1971, 17:00, Xiejiahe Village, Shaanxi Prov.

Wu Weizu of the technological Section of the Xinhua News Agency of Beijing, in his letter of 15 July 1980, spoke about a "Flying Pan" phenomenon he had seen in the Autumn of 1971. The incident occurred in the Xiejiahe Village of Dongguan County in Shaanxi Province. Wu Weizu was then leader of a directing squad of an artillery company. In his letter he said, "At about 5 o'clock in the afternoon of a day in autumn of that year, the weather was fine and the sun had not yet completely gone down. The majority of the comrades of the company were in the barracks. Suddenly a sentry soldier cried out an alert. We ran out to look, and saw an oblate flying object which appeared comparatively big, and was of the shape of a metal coin, rotating anti-clockwise and flying slowly forward. The edges of this object spurted red fire outwards. The fire was not very big, but thin black smoke was spread to a great distance, five or six times the diameter of the flying body. As the object was flying in a rotating motion, the trail left by the black smoke in the sky was also in the shape of comparatively long rings. The altitude and speed of the flying object remained unchanged. It flew from southeast to northwest without making any noise." It was stated that there were nearly a hundred witnesses who watched this strange flying object. Besides the soldiers there were also many village residents who observed it. This is another case of observation by a collection of people.

Autumn 1971, 18:30, Jiangling County

At about half past six in the evening of an undetermined day in the autumn of 1971, a student in Jiangling County, suddenly discovered a flash of light in the sky that lasted more than 10 seconds. At the same time, the people outside the room saw a bright yellowish-white circular plate giving out dazzling rays. The apparent diameter of the circular object was 4 to 5 times that of a full moon. It flew noiselessly from the east towards the northwest at a medium speed. All the eyewitnesses insisted that it was not a meteor.

Late Autumn 1971, 19:00, Daying Village, Wenji Commune, Fuyang County, Anhui Province

Qian Faqiang, a student of Class 7721 at the Wuhan Institute of Survey and Drawing, together with his sister and a neighbor, saw a luminous flying object due north of them at a 10 degree elevation angle. It was bright as a full moon and moved slowly from the north to westward. Soon a tail appeared like that of a comet. When reaching a position northwest, the tail shrank in width to look like a belt. At a position in the west by 10 degrees north, and at an elevation of 40 degrees, the tail rolled up from the tip in several coils. Then the light dimmed till out of sight. No sound was heard from the object during the whole time, which lasted about a quarter hour.

August 1972, 20:00, Jinan, Shandong Province

Observer Zhao Zongqi of the Technical Section of the Communications Machine Factory, Luzhou, Sichuan Province reported a strange event. "I was then working at the Zhanqui Machine Factory, 45 kilometers south of Jinan. One night I was watching a film show with a few of my colleagues at an outdoor cinema. About 8 p.m. we suddenly saw a silvery spindle-like brightly luminous object in the night sky to our left. It was slightly smaller than a full moon on a summer night, but the size was considerably smaller. Its largest diameter was about 1/2 to 1/4 that of the moon. When it first

about 1/3 to 1/4 that of the moon. When it first appeared, the flying object was rising straight upward. Its front and tail seemed to be emitting some mist. The emission from the tail looked brighter, and looked like detached grains flowing out in spurts. About half a minute later it reversed its direction and went downward, then upward again, and repeated this process several times. We observed it for a number of minutes, then gave up to watch the film. From what we observed we concluded the following:

1. It could not have been an airplane, since it was rather slow in both upward and downward movements. Besides, it looked very bright in the night sky, when an airplane would have been invisible.

2. Nor could it have been a balloon, which is not capable of flying such a course or making repeated vertical ascents and descents so quickly.

3. Though there was an airbase 20 kilometers in the direction where the object was seen, we could detect nothing in common between this and any type of aircraft.

4. Since the object was seen by many at the same time, it could not have been an optical illusion."

Summer 1972, 20:30, Yunyang District

At about half past eight in the evening of a day in the summer of 1972, Dang Xiaoqing, a student of a normal college, then a family member of a worker at the Danjiang Jing Petroleum Company, Yunyang District, watched a milky white unidentified flying object at the foot of Jingung Mountain. Its surface appeared to be round. It turned and rolled about continuously, and flew at a low altitude from southeast towards the west with a speed only a little quicker than that of a pedestrian. There were more than 10 other observers present. They watched the object for 10 minutes.

Autumn 1973, 20:00, Guangji County

At about 8 o'clock in the night of an unspecified day in the autumn of 1973, Chen Yanchun, accountant of the Yangpu Production Brigade, Lianglu Commune, Guangji County, observed in the clear night sky, a white luminous ring revolving continuously about its own vertical axis. It rotated and changed its direction upwards when it was at an angle of 30 degrees elevation in the northwest. When it reached an angle of 40 degrees it suddenly moved downwards and disappeared. Chen observed the object for three minutes. Several other witnesses verified his account.

February 1974, 21:00, Qigihær Village, Heilongjing

Liu Ji, CURO member in the province of Heilongjiang and student at the normal school of Haerbing submitted an interesting report. "UFOs visited the province of Heilongjing in February 1974. At 21:00 hours an UFO was seen over the farm of Meilisi of the village of Qigihær. Xi Shuzi, a young woman, was letting some pigs out when she happened to raise her head and look up, and there in the sky above she saw a solitary flying object. She immediately ran to the house to get others to come out and see it, and finally 10 witnesses stood outside gazing up at the wonder. The flying object was very strange. It now consisted of a main object accompanied by 7 other smaller objects. The main body was a brilliantly luminous oval shape, while the 7 small bodies were spherical objects emitting a yellow-white light and they seemed to be transparent. They were all of the same size and seemed to have come out of the larger object and were now circling it at an equal distance. They were well illuminated by the light from the main body. They all flew at the same speed without haste." The witness affirmed that the volume of the 7 smaller objects did not represent 1/10th that of the main body, where the main axis, from their point of view, seemed twice that of the short axis. The UFO passed within 100 meters of the witnesses and looked larger than a full moon in a low sky. Some seven minutes later they flew away toward the northwest.

August 1974, Daylight, Tianshan District, Jinghe County

Zhao Zhiyun reporting a peculiar phenomenon he had observed wrote: "At the end of August 1974, I and Comrad Patar, an Uygur worker, made some district geological surveys in the high mountain grassland region of Tianshan, 3,000 meters above the sea, in the south of Jinghe County and east of Nileke County. We discovered in the large prairie an elliptical plot of grass about 3 mou which appeared to have been burnt and become yellow, and easily mashed. The grass on the high mountain and beneath the glaciers was generally about 10 centimeters high only, not much body to it. Adding to this the coldness of the weather and the dampness of the earth, such grass would not easily burn even if kerosene were poured on it. Yet, this grass was yellowed and dying. This was the first time that I had seen such a pronounced and regularly shaped yellow pattern on the green prairie of the Tianshan Mountain. I had seen many lightning-strike cases where trees were burned into black charcoal and grass was burned into cinders, but the places struck were always irregular patches. According to what I knew, this place was not a grazing land, but a deserted spot rarely visited by man. Such a withered grass patch was highly unusual and was completely unexplainable. At that time I was only astonished at such a sight. Now that I have seen some reports about 'Flying Pans', I have become aware that that might be an explanation for this mystery. I only regret that I had not made a better analysis of the material when I had the chance."

Autumn 1974, Night, Jinxian, Liaodong Peninsula

Wu Qingzhi reported, "In the late Autumn of 1974, I was serving in the Liangzaodian Army Unit in Jinxian on the Liaodong Peninsula. One night I was on sentry duty when I suddenly discovered that there was an orange-red ball of light about three to four times bigger than the moon hanging in mid-sky to northwest. It was surrounded by an outer layer of misty cloud and moved slowly. I thought that I was hallucinating, and

blinked my eyes hard to look again, but what I was seeing was true. Three or four minutes after that, it disappeared. Next day I reported this to company headquarters. The leaders there considered it probably a luminous balloon, but in my personal opinion, balloons are comparatively smaller in size and they float in the air, whereas the object I had seen last night was much bigger and moved in a straight line."

May 1975, Daylight, Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Liu Qingsheng of the Mechanized Transport Station, No. 12 Company, Chengdu, saw a UFO at 1,500 meters which flew, rotating at high speed, toward the northwest. It was trailing a luminous belt of mist behind. It looked like a huge coil of incense. Many people saw it. It remained in sight for over one minute.

June 1975, Mid-night, Stalin Park, Harbin, Heilongjiang

On an unspecified day in June 1975, Zhang Meiqian of the Northern Literature Magazine published by the Heilongjiang Association of Arts and Literary Circles, and three others, observed an ellipsoidal ring of light in the air. It had three luminous beams inside it arranged in an isosceles triangle. It remained in one position and ascended vertically at a slow speed. It was white in color and made no sound. It vanished abruptly in 20 seconds.

Summer 1975, 22:00, Lanzhou, Gansu Province

Wang Xiaoshi, a worker at the Shuguang Electrical Machinery Plant, Lanzhou, watched a coil-shaped UFO in the southeastern sky. It was silvery-white in color and moved in a spiraling path, dragging a white trail behind it. The trail was flat and broad, and very faint like that of a comet. The light became fainter from the center outward. The trail also became thinner toward the tip. It flew slowly from east to west. There were many Lanzhou witnesses.

Summer 1975, 23:00, Lanzhou Municipality, Gansu Province

Comerade Ge Dou of Lanzhou Municipality, Gansu Province, said in a report to his superiors: "In a night in Summer 1975, I and some alleyway residents were cooling ourselves outdoors when, at about 11 o'clock, a circular plate-like object appeared in the sky to the south. It rotated about its own axis, and after flying slowly for several minutes disappeared in the night sky."

Autumn 1975, Evening, Yichang County, Hubei Province

Chen Ding observed a circular flying object over the northern hills in Yichang County. It was a luminous yellowish-white in color, and was bright but not dazzling. The tail thickened toward the tip. As it flew, it circled slowly clockwise, dragging the coiling tail behind it. It had the appearance of a snail-shell. The observer drew a sketch.

End Autumn 1975, Morning, Jianshui District, Yunnan

Near the end of Autumn in 1975, a unit of the PLA Battalion stationed in the Jianshui District of Yunnan Province was approached by a UFO. Two sentries on guard watched in the sky above them, the descent of an immense, luminous, red-orange flying object in the form of a great bowl. It turned above the witnesses as though it were surveying the area of the camp. One of the guards ran into the camp to give the alarm while the other remained at his post at the entrance to camp. Some minutes later the Battalion Commander arrived with the first sentry, only to find that the second soldier had disappeared. The officers and soldiers of the Army Battalion searched carefully for the missing sentry. They looked throughout the interior as well as the exterior of the camp and all around it. The search was in vain and no sign of the missing soldier was found. Some hours later, four soldiers (on reinforced patrol) were surprised by a moaning coming from behind

them and, turning around, saw, in stupifaction, their missing comerade walking on foot to their right. They ran to his aid and again were stupified to see that he had a beard that looked like he had not shaved in several days! The soldier had lost his memory and had no idea where he had been. His calendar watch had stopped and his weapon was found highly magnetized.

June 1976, 18:00, Hubei Province

Between 18:00 and 19:00 on an undeterned day in June 1976, in Hubei Province, observers, Du Aiguo, a worker in the Hubei Fertilizer Plant and a friend, with several hundred other witnesses, watched a round unidentified flying object in the western sky. It was spiraling forward and emitting a gas from the tail. It was in sight 6 to 7 minutes. The sky was clear, with floating clouds. It finally flew out of sight.

June 1976, 19:30, Jinmen County, Wuhan

At about half past seven in the evening of a day in June 1976, Xu Kun, an intellectual youth from Wuhan working in the Yandun Commune, Jinmen County (Now a student in the Provisional Light Industries College), saw in the sky due west, at an elevation of 20 degrees above the horizon, a green luminous spot moving now quickly and now slowly in a halting forward progress. It emitted a very steady light of a luminosity like a first magnitude star. The object moved irregularly higher and then lower in an undulating motion, and turned to the left and then to the right in a zig-zag track. It was estimated to be more than 5,000 meters distant. Xu at once got hold of a 30 power astronomical telescope with which to observe the object. He still could not see any points of light or details. After 10 minutes it moved away, became dimmed and vanished. Several other youths also watched the object. It was not an airplane or a balloon, or anything recognized.



July 1976, Night, Sichuan Province

Liu Yunjun reported that he had observed a huge luminous flying object that looked three times the size of a full moon. It was radiantly red in color and was rotating counter-clockwise as it flew. It was nearly as bright as a full moon before fading. The light dimmed down slowly and steadily until it finally became invisible.

August 1976, 22:00, Lamu County, Xigaze Prefecture, Xizang (Tibet)

Wu Youyuan observed a silvery-white coil-shaped flying object that flew very fast with a hissing sound. It moved forward with a spiraling motion. The object was observed for about 10 minutes.

Summer 1976, 18:30, Houfutan, Huiziwang Banner, Inner Mongolia

At Huofutan, Huiziwang Banner, Inner Mongolia, Li Peilin and others observed, coming from the west at a 60 degree elevation, a silvery metal ellipsoid flying object. It was seen moving in the sky from south to northward and was rotating horizontally as it moved. A white mist gushed forth from a cylindrical tail. Its altitude was about 3,000 meters. Duration of sighting was about 2 minutes.

Summer 1976, 19:30, Beijing

At about 30 minutes past 7 in a summer evening of 1976, Wang Jingshan and his brother, of Beijing, discovered a rotating luminous object in the sky above Mengtou Gou. The observation lasted about 5 minutes. The strange flying object made no noise.

Late Summer 1976, Evening, Sizhiwang Banner, Inner Mongolia

Li Lingpei, an intellectual young man submitted the following statement: "I was a teacher in a school run by the local people of the Muofutan Commune of Sizhiwang Banner in 1976 when I personally observed an unusual sky phenomenon. It was in the evening of a late summer day and the sun had gone down in the west. The sky was clear with no cloud and no wind. It was still light and visibility was very good. I had taken some students to work in the field. By chance, I lifted my head, and looking up, discovered in the western sky, at a visual elevation of 60 degrees and an altitude of about 3,000 meters, a silvery grey, oblate, metallic flying object rotating horizontally around its vertical axis, and flying from south to north towards the China-Mongolia border with no great haste. The altitude and speed of this flying object were nearly that of a geological survey airplane which I had seen in those parts. The oblate object had a cylindrical tail which incessantly spurted out a white misty gas. With this as a motive force, it rotated on its own axis and flew forward. I and other teachers and all of the students looked intently at the object for about two minutes until it disappeared in the northern sky. The students asked me then, and many times after that, 'what is it?', and I have never had an answer.

3 September 1976, 20:00, Guangzhou City

From a northern suburb of Guangzhou City, Liang Hanhui watched a very luminous flying object in the northern sky. It came out from the clouds and went straight upward slowly to about 6,000 meters elevation and then flew horizontally south. Three streaks of red jet-like emission issued from the rear in a triangular formation, which gradually turned blue, and they were extremely bright. The flight was soundless. It disappeared after about 4 minutes.

9 September 1976, 10:00, Shan County, Shandong Province

At a place south of Qilou, Longwangmiao, Shan County, Shandong, a worker of the Liangshan Cotton Mill in Shandong Province, watched a spherical flying object in the air at a 45 degree elevation and 3,000 to 4,000 meters from the observer. It was bright silvery in color in its upper part while the lower part was a dark grey color and seemed to have a break in the smooth contour line of the object. It hovered still in the air, and then moved a little in the direction of the sun at 3 p.m. after the obituary was broadcast on Chairman Mao's death. It was not seen during the night, but reappeared the next day at a place nearer the observer. It then seemed bigger than on the previous day. Then it shrank in size toward noon and finally looked like a twinkling star in the full daylight sky. It recovered its former size in the afternoon as it drifted slowly in the bright sky. It flew away abruptly at 5 p.m. and disappeared from view. This was observed by more than 1,000 people!

This is an unbelievably spectacular sighting that rivals anything reported anywhere in the rest of the world. The object was very large and easily visible in broad daylight, even when it withdrew and then looked like a "daylight star" high in the sky. Still nothing was circulated in China and nothing got out to the western world. It was only reported at last because it was so spectacular and because there were so many witnesses. There seems to be some kind of safety in numbers, even still, as we find very few reports from isolated solo observers. Perhaps the awareness of the scope of the phenomenon in China is still too new and individual observers with no supporting witnesses are reluctant to come forward. One can only wonder at what lies there still unreported. This object was viewed by many hundreds from 10:00 until after 15:00 on one day and again from before noon until after 17:00 the next, more than 12 full hours of observation in two successive days. Remarkable indeed.

9 September 1976, Day, Yichun City, Jiangxi Province

A group of employees of the 2nd Chemical Factory of Jiangxi, living in Yichun City, clearly observed a shiny silver metallic object that rotated around its vertical axis as it flew in the sky overhead. It was circular in shape and had a dome on top.

9 September 1976, 18:00, Yichun, Jiangxi Province

At about six in the afternoon on 9 September 1976, when Hu Suisheng, a worker at the Jiangxi Chemical Plant No. 2 in Yichun was listening to a radio broadcast as he stood in the doorway of his house together with some other people, he suddenly saw a silvery flying object in the western sky. It was in a position about 60 degrees elevation above the horizon. It looked like a pair of closed cymbals rim to rim, and rotated around its vertical axis. It hovered an estimated 2,000 meters above the ground, spurting out a silvery mist as it flew from east to northwest, then disappearing in a distant valley. The observation lasted 5 minutes. There were many eye-witnesses in the street who talked about this phenomenon for a long time but could not reach a reasonable solution.

Early October 1976, 20:00, Xinjiang Province

For several consecutive nights in September and early October, 1976, Yang Dewei and others of the Meteorological Team of the First Agricultural Institute of Xinjiang Province, observed a curious ball of fire approaching in the sky from due north. Its elevation was 30 to 35 degrees above the horizon. It was shaped like an inverted saucer and was a creamy white in color. It was rolling to and fro as it travelled rapidly in horizontal flight. It was leaving a long flat trail behind it. This object, or one just like it, came back repeatedly for the next 2 or 3 nights in a row. Each time, the sighting lasted 1 to 2 minutes and the spectacle was witnessed by many observers.



Early October 1976, 20:00, Xinjiang Province.

Early Autumn 1976, 18:00, Zhangjia Kou Municipality,  
Hebei Province

Li Mongxi of a certain PLA Unit reported: "It was about the beginning of November of 1976. The place was in the Thirteen Li Barracks of Zhangjia Luo Municipality in Hebei Province. In the afternoon of a certain day, we were listening to the transmission of a relevant document from a higher authority in the athletic ground to the west of us. At about 6 o'clock I accidentally discovered, in the southwestern corner of the sky, the sudden appearance of a big luminous spot, which was as large as the stone of a date (at arm's length) at first sight. It was moving slowly downward, and as it descended its size continually increased. So also did its luminosity. I was greatly surprised and at once called the other's attention to it. They were astonished. After some time, the meeting was over, but the object still remained in the sky. Many people went hurriedly to the athletic ground and higher places to get a better look at the object. They saw it slowly make a very big turn in the air, like a written "r" inverted, and then heading downward it disappeared behind the mountain some 30 kilometers away. The size of the object itself was then more than 50 times that when it first appeared. It was just a big luminous shuttle-cock hanging in the sky. The difference was that its luminous tail meandered with the turn of the body. It remained in sight for more than 30 minutes." Li Hongxi was very definite in pointing out, "Regarding this incident I can very definitely say that it was not an illusion, because more than 80 witnesses saw it with their own eyes. It was not a comet, a meteor, or any other recognizable thing such as an airplane, a balloon, or a phenomenon formed by the clouds." He also furnished a sketch of what he saw.

26 November 1976, 21:00, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province

At the No. 3 Middle School affiliated to the Xi'an Power Plant on Taoyuen Road in the western suburb of Xi'an City, observer Han Binqi, 18 year old male student of the senior grade at No. 94 Middle School, Xi'an, saw a huge saucer-like object in the southwestern sky which

flew, rotating, as it passed from east to southeast. It was observed for 20 minutes from an open viewpoint with good visibility and was clearly seen in its flight. It was also seen by Xie Hongru and many other fellow students.

Autumn 1976, Dusk, Gucheng Xian, Hubei Province

Comrade Liu Yueshan of the 609 Research Office of the Third Engineering Industries Ministry reported that, in a day in the Autumn of 1976, he observed a "Flying Pan" in Gucheng Xian (village) of Hubei Province. It was toward evening of that day, and the vast expanse of the sky was clear and cloudless. The sun had just gone down behind the western hills when he accidentally discovered a flying object in the western sky. At first it was as big as a wash basin (apparent size). Then a spiral of gray mist appeared around it and gradually expanded. About 3 minutes later, the flying object very quickly disappeared in the sky. There were many other witnesses who watched this flying object on that day. The local militia thought that there might be some enemy movement indicated, so they organized a patrol squad that night to be ready in case it was needed.

June 1977, 18:00, Zhijiang County, Hubei Province

Du Aiquo, an employee of the Hubei Provincial Chemical Fertilizers Factory, in his letter of 14 July 1980, described his observation of a "Flying Pan" in Zhijiang County of Hubei Province. He wrote, "In a day in June, 1977, the sun had just gone down behind the hill and there were still waves of greyish-yellow clouds on the horizon gradually floating away toward the east. At about 6 or 7 o'clock in the evening, I and my schoolmate Miao Qing were going to attend an evening selfstudy class. As we walked along, I suddenly discovered that there appeared to be a satellite in the sky moving at a great speed. We stopped to observe the object. There were then more than a hundred people on the road observing the sight. We saw this round flying

object of the same color, size and shape as the stars in the sky making a circular movement. It spurted out from its tail a gaseous mist, something like the contrail of a jet airplane. The diameter of the circle the object flew was about 40 meters (apparent size), and the direction of movement was somewhat toward the west. The travel lasted about 7 to 8 minutes, until the object was obscured by floating clouds coming in from the west".

7 July 1977, 20:30, Zhangpo County, Fujian Province

On the evening of 7 July 1977, at Zhangpo County in Fujian Province of east China, more than 3,000 people were watching an open-air showing of the Rumanian film "Along The Danube Delta" at the Commune playground. Then around 8:30 p.m., a section of the audience suddenly spotted two large oblate orange colored luminous objects descending toward the crowd. The objects continued their descent and passed so low over the spectators that they almost hit the ground. They emitted a vivid glow around them and flew only a few meters apart, and so close to the people that heat could be felt and a low humming sound was heard. Panic spread and people threw themselves to the ground in fright. Many stampeded in their fear, trampling 2 children to death and injuring more than 300 others. After passing so low over the melee, the two UFOs ascended rapidly again and disappeared into the night sky above, streaking away in seconds.

Another report of this incident, submitted by some of the authorities present at the time added a few more details to this amazing encounter.

Lin Bingxiang, a doctor at the County Hospital; Chen Caife, an officer if the County Public Security Bureau; and Chen Qinghui, a secretary at the County Enterprise Administration Bureau, said that they were watching, "a film show going on at the playground outside the County Seat. The audience numbered near 3,000. Suddenly two flying objects dashed along from the northwest. Keeping a distance of three meters from each other, they swept diagonally across the playground in



a horizontal direction, almost scraping the ground. They flew without making a sound, but they emitted a powerful, dazzling yellowish-red light in front, like a headlight of a car or tractor. The audience was thrown into confusion. In panic they hurriedly made way for the UFO. Two children were killed and 200 injured were sent to the hospital. In 10 seconds the UFO had disappeared in the distance. Authorities, suspecting an optical illusion related to the film show, had the picture projected again, but nothing turned up.

26 July, Night, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, 1977

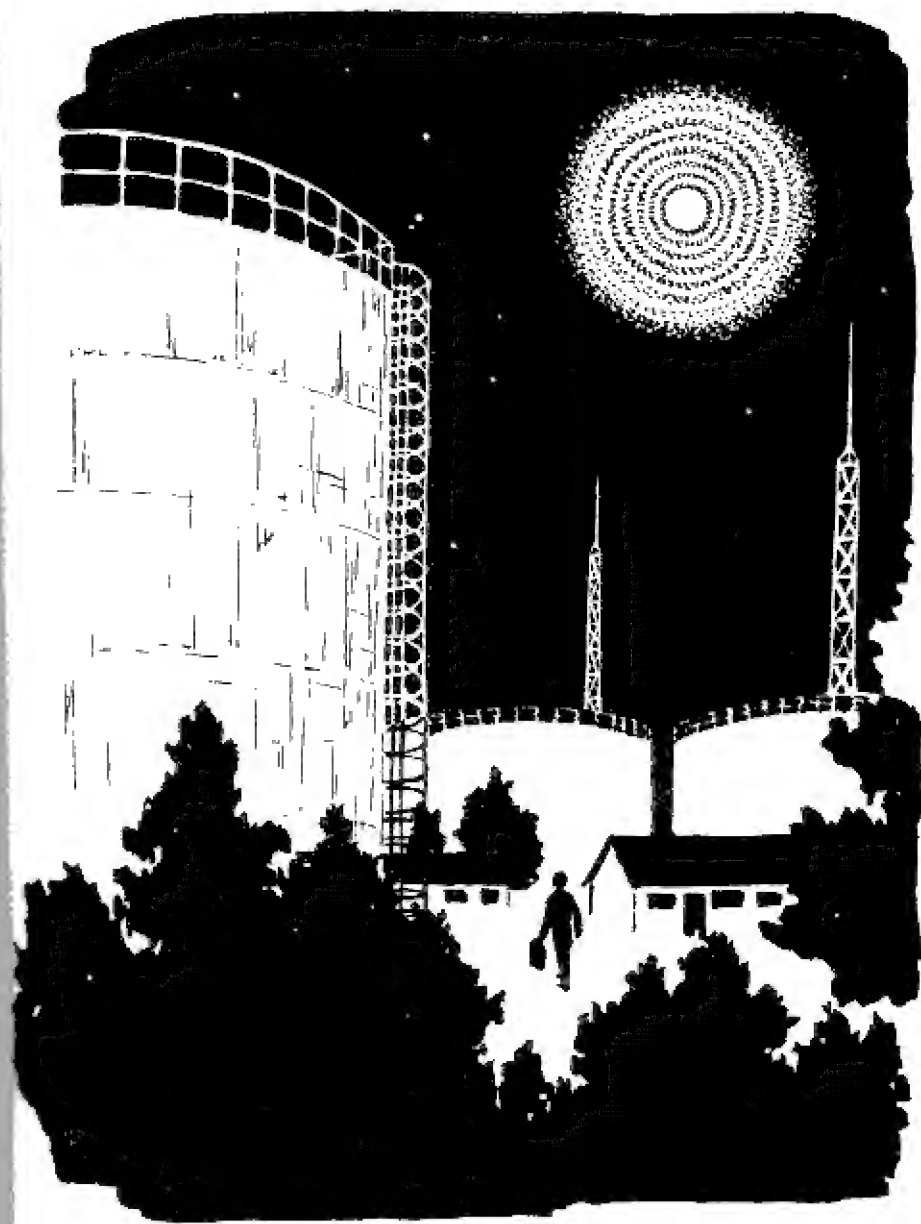
Zhang Jingmin, a peasant in a Youth Brigade of Yingmenkou Commune at Chengdu and a thousand person audience of a film show at the playground of the College of Traditional Medicine, Chengdu, watched a UFO rotating counterclockwise as it moved in the sky above. Its degree of brightness was -8m. A trail of light coiled into one circle at first, later increasing to four. Its position was due north at an elevation of 35 degrees. It left a trail of yellow light in the sky.

26 July 1977, 21:30, Mianyang County, Sichuan Province

Liu Wanlong of the Oriental Insulation Material Works, Mianyang, observed a red luminous body in the sky which was spiral-shaped. It turned in a counterclockwise rotation at one round every 2 seconds. It was slightly brighter than the bright stars and was slowly growing in size. It appeared at a 45 degree elevation angle and moved from northeast to west and disappeared in distant clouds at about a 10 degree elevation angle.

26 July 1977, 21:35, Shuangliu County, Sichuan Province

Lu Jiaju of the Puxing Oil Depot, Wenjiang Prefecture Petroleum Company saw a yellow luminous unidentified flying object in the night sky. It was shaped like a series of concentric circles, one around another, but



26 July 1977, 21:35, Shuangliu County, Sichuan Province.

with no conspicuous connection between the circles. There were 7 to 8 circles in all. The outermost two were only faintly visible. No rotation was noticed, but there was a continual ruffling, like the rippling of water, also observed, as the smallest circle in the center generated a new circle bigger than itself, and the latter, in turn, did the same, forming an incessant process of rippling flow from the center outward. No separate nucleus could be seen. The object's brightness was -6m. It appeared in the west and hovered almost motionless, but at the same time slowly drifting westward as it was carefully observed. A similar sighting was also reported from Mao County.

26 July 1977, 21:50, Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Hu Zhongwei and other teachers of No. 301 Teaching Group, 3rd Department, Chengdu Telecommunications Engineering Institute, Sichuan, saw an unidentified flying object at a 40degree elevation due north of them. There was no conspicuous rotation observable. It moved horizontally at 9 degrees of arc per minute. It disappeared behind clouds in the northwest at 15 degrees elevation angle.

There was another report about the strange flying object seen in the skies of Chengdu that same night. The time according to the second record was 5 to 15 minutes after 10 p.m. According to this eyewitness, the flying object was circular, like a full moon, and of a silvery-grey color. Its size was about  $2/3$  the apparent diameter of the moon. It had a left rotating vortex line with a round head at its center. While rotating about its own axis, it proceeded from east to southwest. Some witnesses thought that at first it was like a ball continuously spurting out white smoke from a certain part. Finally the accumulated clouds were dissipated, Then a misty tail with 3 or 4 archimedes spiral lines was presented.



26 July 1977, 21:50, Chengdu, Sichuan Province.

26 July 1977, 22:05, Xiaoguanmiao, Chengdu, Sichuan

Zhao Ming, the editor of Red Scarf Magazine of Sichuan, and numerous other witnesses watched an unidentified flying object of white colored luminosity in the night sky over the city of Chengdu on the night of 26 July 1977. The time was about 5 minutes after 10 pm. The object had a coiling tail made up of bright dots with a slightly orange shade. It rotated slowly as it drifted along. It disappeared by 22:20.

26 July 1977, 22:00, Chengdu Sichuan Province

Astronomer Zhang Zhousheng of the Yunnan Observatory, observed, over the city of Chengdu, a spiral-shaped luminous object with a yellowish center from which 3 or 4 complete rings of yellow light spiraled out in ever increasing circles. The object was moving in a straight line, and disappeared in 5 minutes. Large numbers of Sichuan residents observed this huge coil-shaped UFO that night. Fifteen sighting reports were recieved by the UFO Association. Zhang Zhousheng later conjectured the unusual display to be meteors or other inter-planetary substance which moved through outer layers of the earth's atmosphere and was influenced by physical features such as gravitation, magnetic fields, mutual effect between charged particles, etc. The upper half of the object detached itself from the rotating main body and produced a stimulation of radiation, he felt. There was controversy between the 15 reports and witnesses did not always agree on details such as, was the object rotating or not, the color of the light, size of the object, etc.

26 July 1977, 22:05, Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

Zhang Minghuai of the Education Department, "Torch" Chemical Works, Luzhou City, saw a luminous yellow color disturbance within a coiling mass of light in the sky. It looked like boiling porridge and was big enough to contain the Big Bear Constellation.

26 July 1977, 22:06 - 22:10, Chengdu City, Sichuan

Jiang Yunlie, a teacher at the Sichuan Institute of Finance and Economy, saw an unidentified flying object of about 20' diameter (apparent size). It was a silver grey in color and sailed through clouds like a moon. Smoke emitted from one point on the side formed a luminous tail. Movement speed was about  $3^{\circ}$  of arc per minute. It rotated counterclockwise very slowly - about one round in 10 minutes. Its diameter of orbit was about 5 kilometers as calculated by the observer. The witness sketched the initial as well as the final stages of appearance of the flying object. The original sketch is retained by Jin Tao of the Guanning Ribao. A reproduction is now preserved at the UFO Association's sighting report center.

Similar reports on this spectacular sky phenomenon continued to turn up, and there was much popular speculation about the mystery of its origin, what it was doing, and where it went. Even the astronomer at the Yunnan Observatory began to have second thoughts about the mysterious phenomenon, and finally released his own statement concerning the observations made that night. Zhang Zhousheng wrote: "I was accustomed to making outdoor astronomic observations. At 9 to 14 minutes past the 22nd hour, Beijing time, on 26 July 1977. I observed a very astonishing and unexplainable aerial phenomenon. The location of the observation of the sky anomaly was in the northern suburb of the Chengtu Municipality. At 5 minutes past the 22nd hour, I began to go out the door to look at the sky. The sky was then full of fish-scale clouds, which frequently cover the moon in the south. My field of vision gradually shifted to the sky in the north. It happened then that there was a section of the sky there which was not covered by clouds. My eyes were suddenly drawn to a strange spiral object in the air. Because of the peculiarity of its appearance, I at once called some other persons to observe it together with me. The time indicated by my wrist-watch then was 9 minutes past the 22nd hour. At the same time, those people who were cooling themselves in places tens of meters away from me had also noticed this strange sky



July 1977, 22:09, Chengdu, Sichuan Province.

phenomenon. I at once commenced my work of observation and recording. At 9 minutes past the 22nd hour, the center of this strange object was located in the position of star alpha of the Great Bear constellation. In appearance, the core of the object was a yellowish bright star, its luminosity was second magnitude; with the core as the starting point, a big ring-upon-ring Archimedes spiral line (of light) was developed, whose brightness was very evident even under moon-light and whose color was blue and somewhat green. The spiral bright line seemed to be constituted of some substance spurted out from the core. This conclusion was deduced from the continuous small changes observed in the luminosity of the line. As the spiral line was drawn out from the core, the core could not have been a star, but a comparatively small object. The width of the spiral line was about 10 angle "fen". The line wound about the center 3 or 4 rounds. The whole spiral was actually an ellipse (from my point of view), of not very great ellipticity. The diameter of the major axis was about 5 degrees. Its elevation angle with the horizon was about 60 degrees. This strange object was not only big, but it moved in the air in a straight line. The direction of its motion was from north to west in the sky full of stars. It moved from star alpha to star beta, and then on to star epsilon of the Great Bear. After this it proceeded in a straight line which formed a not very large angle with the horizon. It moved with a constant speed, about 10 degrees per minute. Simultaneously with the motion of the core, the spiral line also moved horizontally. No change occurred to the luminosity, size, shape or the various angular measurements, that is to say, the spiral line did not make any rotating displacement and did not leave any traces in the sky. Until 14 minutes past the hour, when the spiral object was covered up by clouds 10 degrees above the horizon, my observation lasted 5 minutes altogether. Later, it was learned that the audience of an open-air cinema in our neighborhood had also seen this strange aerial phenomenon."

"As I had no way to explain the cause of such rare and unusual phenomenon, I wrote with very great interest to enquire from various organizations in Beijing and



Nanjing. From the materials supplied by Beijing Planetarium and other agencies, I learned that there were many reports about this phenomenon from various places. The localities were distributed over a north to south belt at least 180 kilometers wide. One record showed that an earlier position observed was to the east of the Pole Star, 40 degrees above the horizon and with a space displacement of 90 degrees. The duration of the observation was 10 minutes. What was especially important was that, at a distance of 180 kilometers apart, the records about the direction of movement of the strange aerial body in space, made independently by at least two different observers, were basically the same. However, they also were unable to explain the phenomenon. To the present time this strange phenomenon has not been satisfactorily explained, yet there were thousands of good observers who had seen it. We can only let time decide what it really was." Zhang Zhousheng

Another report coming in from the other side of Chengdu city gave different positions with relation to known stars. This may indicate that the object was closer to the surface of the planet than was at first thought. There is also a notable difference in time.

26 July 1977, 23:00, Jinniu Commune, Chengdu, Sichuan

Zhu Xianping, an undergraduate of the 1977 class of the Physics Department, College of Metallurgy and Geology, Guilin, Guanxi Province, Saw from his position in Jinniu Commune, a luminous flying object rotating counterclockwise at a rate of one round in 2 seconds as it flew in the night sky overhead. It had a white color and its apparent diameter was 5 degrees of arc. Its brightness was that of a second magnitude star, -2m. It left a coiling trail in a logarithmic spiral as it moved. A position when first seen was north by 5 degrees northeast, at an elevation of 25 degrees. It flew toward the south by 5 degrees southwest. The sighting lasted over 20 minutes.

But that still was not the end of this event. The

same, or another similar object appeared the following night and put in an equally spectacular appearance. One of the reports from the second night describes the similarity of the two appearances.

27 July 1977, 22:00, Ruogai County, Sichuan Province

Luo Zuoming of the Sichuan Seismological Bureau, and many other observers watched a luminous flying object approaching from the northwest. It was saucer-like in shape and was rotating clockwise. It was red in color, like fire, and emitted a soft light. The entire body was made up of white rings of light in the shape of Archimedes' spirals. The object travelled westward. It vanished a half minute later at a visual angle of elevation of 80 degrees.

July 1977, 20:00, Tishan Miao, Henan Province

Wang Bachua of the First Workshop of the Xinxiang Municipal Radio Main Factory of Henan Province, reported in his letter of 17 July 1980, the appearance of an unidentified flying object in the sky above the Tishan Miao Railway Station of the Wuyang Work District of Henan. His report was very brief and simple. He said that at about 8 or 9 o'clock on a night in July of that year, a very bright circular light appeared in the southwestern sky as seen from the station. It descended in a spiral as it rotated anti-clockwise and emitted a green ribbon of light. After 3 to 5 minutes, it just disappeared in the night sky toward the mountain.

July 1977, 21:00, Shizuishan, Ningxia Province

At a time between 21:00 to 22:00 one night in July or August of 1977, at a place near Dawukou Commune in Shizuishan, Ningxia, observers Xia Zhijian of Ningxia University, and 9 other young students working in the countryside, including Chen Xiangdong and Wang Jing, saw a strange flying object in the northern sky. Its diameter was 3/10 to 4/10 that of a full moon, and it was

yellow in color with a red tinge, and flew soundlessly along a smooth curve from east by north to west by south. It looked to be not very distant nor very high. It had many evenly distributed bright spots along its periphery, like portholes of a passenger plane. It travelled at a steady speed rotating anti-clockwise. The rotation was rather slow, as the bright spot remained clearly visible. It jetted flames of reddish orange color from the "rim" of the "helmet" in a direction opposite the rotation and slightly downward. It emitted occasional red sparks in the flames. The flames seemed to be coming out from evenly spaced firing points along the periphery. The top of the object was rather vague, but similar light spots could be seen all over it. The light spots were quite brilliant but not dazzling. Illuminated by them, the dome could be made out as somewhat hollow on the inside. About a minute later, the object disappeared in the night sky to the west by south.

July 1977, Night, Shifang county, Sichuan Province

Xu Ming of the Shifang Agricultural Bank, Sichuan saw a saucer-like orange flying object flying in the sky. It was moving very slowly from north to southwest. A light beam issued from the rear like a comet. It rotated counterclockwise as it flew. A sketch was drawn by the observer.

July 1977, Night, Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Luo Kaihua, a citizen of Chengdu, observed a luminous flying object moving along a spiraling path from southeast to northwest. It radiated a red color and became brighter as it advanced. Soon it flared abruptly in a very brilliantly luminous display of light and then quickly disappeared.

The year 1977 was the first year in which a large number of "Flying Pan" cases was reported. Eight letters were received by the new Journal of UFO Research confirming UFO cases at that time. Samples follow:

Summer 1977, 21:00, Wenjiang District, Chengdu, Sichuan

Liu Yansheng, a worker of the Wenjiang District Agricultural Science Institute of Sichuan Province, in his letter of 29 July 1980, described an unidentified flying object observed by him in a Summer night in 1977. The time was about 9 to 10 o'clock in the night. He saw a ball of fire that flew over his head and towards the northwest. The weather was fine at the time and the sky was clear. The moon and stars were easily visible. As the firey ball was already going away when Liu Yansheng first saw it, he could not make out its shape clearly. He only saw that the front part of the ball, like a drop of water, was orange-yellow in color, and the central and rear parts were orange-red. The fire ball, moreover, trailed a tail of blue smoke. From the track of the smoke it had left, it could be seen that the ball proceeded forward in an anti-clockwise spiral orbit. Then after flying 4 rounds of the spiral, the smoky cloud began to disperse and the ball finally disappeared in the northwestern sky. The observation lasted 2 to 3 minutes.

12 August 1977, 20:50, Tiaoshan, Jingtai County, Gansu

Zhou Zhijiang in his undated letter said that he was originally working in the Gouwan Quartz Factory of Yongdeng Tun, Wuwei District of Gansu Province when he saw an unusual aerial phenomenon. The factory had established a farm at Tiaoshan in Jingtai County, five kilometers southwest of the city. At about 50 minutes past eight on the night of 12 August 1977, Zhou and one of his companions discovered that there was beneath the north polar star, a luminous flying object moving rapidly towards the south. When it flew over their heads, they could see that it was of the shape and apparent size of a straw-hat. Moreover, it appeared to have small windows in it, from which soft rays shot out. Its outlines were misty and indistinct, possibly because of the high humidity in the air that night. The object flew away, rotating anti-clockwise toward the south.

Zhou Zhijiang is now in the production section of the 7th Leather Shoe Factory of Tianjin Municipality.

He said in a letter dated 8 July 1980, "Because I have a certain amount of astronomical knowledge and am a reader of the magazine Astronomy Lover, I consider the unusual flying object I saw was some real thing, and not a fantasy. On August 12th 1977, at the time of the sighting I made a record of the experience." Zhang feels that the object seen by him is the same phenomenon as reported by Wang Zhen of the Gansu Normal University, reported elsewhere.

August 1977, Dusk, Shujia Gou, Shaanxi Province

A letter from Wang Baosheng, a resident of Baoji Municipality, Shaanxi Province, dated 10 October 1979 furnished the following statement: "In August 1977, I saw a peculiar star when I was with the Baoji Xian Production Brigade in Shujia Gou. The sun had just gone down and the sky had begun to darken. The sky was clear and filled with stars. I and several friends were sitting before a dining table and were going to take our supper. Suddenly, as I lifted my head up, I saw a 'star' flying away in the sky. I cried in a hurry, 'Look, allof you!', and they quickly turned. The object was of the size of a small plate (apparent size), and it spurted out smoke, mist and fire flames from its tail part. It flew rotating towards the southern sky, and disappeared in less than a minute."

August 1977, 20:30, Bai Dun Zi, Jintai County, Wuwei District of Gansu Province

Wang Zhen, then 38, a second year student of the Chinese Language Section of the Gansu Normal School, submitted the following report in his letter dated 28 March 1979: "In August 1977, I was a transferred worker in a weaving factory in Bai Dun Zi, Jintai County of the Wuwei District, Gansu Province. There was a cinemo show in the south of the farm that night. A large number of people from the farm had gathered to attend the showing. The time was about half past eight to nine o'clock. It was completely dark. Innumerable stars twinkled in the clear night sky. The place was a large leveled area.



August 1977, 20:30, Jingtai County, Wuwei Prefecture, Gansu Province.

The visibility was quite good. I and my two friends, walking together, looked with appreciation at the stars of the milky way. I was deeply interested in astronomy when I was younger. When I was attending a primary school, I had joined a youths' science and technology instruction institution. All of a sudden, the three of us noticed a peculiar flying object in the sky. It was shaped like a stack of dinner saucers, and was rotating while at the same time throwing down spiraling rings of light smoke. We were stupefied by this strange object. We held our breaths. Nobody made any noise. The big object gave out a very strong milky-white light. It skipped over our heads and flew rapidly away from northwest to southeast without making a sound. It was surrounded by a luminous mist brighter than the rings which dropped down. It had small bright spots, brighter than the main body, around it. At first I felt that it was not very far above the ground because of its visual size, which I estimated at about 100 meters diameter. This object had an apparent size of a one-cent nickel coin held at arm's length. The object rotated, but I do not remember clearly which direction. It had an electric source, issuing a bright but not dazzling light. The light of the object as well as the smoke it spurted out took the form of a spiral with the rotation of the object. The time required for one revolution was one to two seconds. The object appeared to be of many layers, and was of the shape of the lid of a large bowl. As far as I can recollect, there was a most bright spot within the luminous body. The whole object presented a creamy misty appearance, with some darker rays surrounding the brighter body. After 30 seconds to one minute, the object disappeared in the southern sky behind some hills. Many people waiting for the movie reported seeing the strange luminous object in the sky.

Summer 1977, 21:00 to 22:00, Wenjiang Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Liu Yansheng of the Agricultural Science Institute, Wenjiang, and others, watched a ball of fire that flew overhead toward the northwest at tremendous speed. It was a luminous orange color in front and red in the

rear, with a trail of blue luminous haze behind it. It advanced along a spiraling path, circling counter-clockwise as it went, and making one revolution in just 10 seconds. After 4 rounds of the trail of haze it began to disperse. The whole thing vanished in the northwest 2 to 3 seconds later.

Summer 1977, 23:00, Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Yuan Zifa of the Chengdu Welding Machine Plantsaw a small bright spot of light appear in the north at a 45 degree angle of elevation. Its brightness increased as he watched. Ten seconds later it became as big as a volleyball! A belt of light jutted out from the edge, which became slender toward the tip. The object flew along with a clockwise rotation and moved from north to southward. A few minutes later it was lost behind some buildings that obstructed the view.

August 1977, 20:00, Zhengzhou city, Henan Province

Wang Changjiang stated for record: "I work at the Cultural Bureau of Henan Provincial Government. On a night in August 1977, I was watching a film show with Zhao Guobi, my colleague, at the open cinema in Zijingshan Park, Zhengzhou City. At 8 p.m., a few minutes before the show started, most of the audience stood up and gazed into the sky. Not knowing what had happened, we also stood up. We saw in the sky about 3,000 meters to our south, at a 45 degree elevation angle, an object like a ball of fire, about 40 centimeters across. At first it remained where it was, rotating all the time. In a moment it started to move toward us, then stopped again. We now noticed a luminous circle of light around the object, which also rotated very quickly in the same direction, during which time the object seemed to emit smoke from its top in the center. Suddenly it dropped down a ways, then halted again. It kept rotating but made no sound. After a few moments it flew away steadily to the south at an intermediate speed as the rotation continued until it disappeared in the distance. The spectacle remained in





sight no less than 8 minutes. It was observed by all the audience of the cinema, who numbered a few thousand!

September 1977, 21:00, Anshan Municipality, Liaoning

Li Jinsheng reported another "Flying Pan" sighting in the sky above Anshan Municipality, the steel capital of Liaoning Province. Li Jinsheng works for the Machinery Department of the Anshan Steel and Iron Company. He stated in his letter of 8 August 1980: "In the night of an exact date no longer remembered, the weather was pleasantly cool and the sky was clear and full of stars. Suddenly a big fireball was seen to fly from east to west. It was a deep luminous red color in the center and lighter red near the edges. The closer to the edge of the object, the thinner the color became. It floated and flew above the surface like a big balloon, but very quickly. About a minute later, it disappeared behind the mountain." Li Jinsheng further said in his letter, the diameter of the flying object, as it appeared to him, was about 250mm (apparent size) and its altitude of flight was estimated at something more than 2,000 meters. At the conclusion of his letter he mentioned the reason he had not reported this strange phenomenon to the organization concerned before. He said it was because he had read articles in certain periodicals negating the phenomenon and he did not want to come under criticism. "Later, I read an article by Comrade Wang Qishen in Scientific and Technological Activities Abroad, and I was very glad to read that, and also the article by Comrade Jin Tao in the magazine Science and Life, published in Tianjin, and I decided to report, because there are so many things in this world which we cannot explain within our existing knowledge."

23 October 1977, 18:45, Xianyang Municipality, Shaanxi

Liu Qinchuan, 1979 graduate of the Second Middle School of Xinyang, Shaanxi Province submitted this statement in a letter dated 27 September 1979: "On the evening of October 23rd, 1977, I was in an alleyway



23 October 1977, 18:45, Xianyang, Shaanxi Province.

listening to the conversation of some elders, when of sudden, someone pointed to the sky and said, 'Look, what is that?' We all lifted our heads and looked at the sky. We saw a small ball-like object, slightly yellow in color and luminous in the darkening sky. It was rotating and progressing at a great speed. It still remained in sight for almost a minute (that is from the time we first saw it to the time of its disappearance). With a sense of curiosity, I made a record in my middle school textbook of arithmetic. I recorded the time as 45 minutes past 6 in the afternoon on 23 October 1977. The direction of flight was from north to south.

Another report was received from Li Hong, a member of a geological prospecting team in Luonan, Shaanxi Province, who together with many others saw, "a spherical yellow luminous object which rotated while advancing at great speed, and then vanished from sight in about one minute." That was at 18:45 on the evening of 23 October 1977.

August 1977, Night, Baoji, Wuwei County, Shaanxi

Wang Zhen, a student of Gansu Provisional Teachers University, and two others were on business in Wuwei County when, they saw in the starry sky, "a huge object that cast strong milky rays of light. It flew silently overhead from north to south. The speed was not very fast." Wang said in his report that "the object rotated and gave out light. The light shafts were very strong but did not hurt the eyes. The light beams were cast down spirally along with the rotation of the object (like spurting smoke circles). It took one to two seconds for each rotation, and the whole object seemed to have many layers. It didn't look like a discus, but more like the lid of an enamel mug". Almost at the same time on the same night, Wang Baosheng, a worker in a printing press in the suburb of Baoji, witnessed the same or similar sight together with several others. That was on an undetermined day in August 1977.

Autumn 1977, 04:00, Guyuan

Zhang Zuotang, a student of foreign languages, observed a saucer-like flying object of very bright color in the northern sky. At first it rolled toward the southwest at a very slow rate of speed, leaving a track behind it like a tail. A minute later it turned to a horizontal position while continuing its advance with a self rotation motion, appearing like a whirlpool in a flowing stream. In another minute, it changed course from southwesterly to northwesterly, and soon disappeared before having made a complete semi-circle. Its apparent diameter was about 5 feet at first, and then it gradually diminished until it disappeared. It covered a distance of ten meters (apparent angular displacement). The total duration of this sighting was three minutes. The flight path of the object was shaped like a "U" with one arm shortened, or more like a fishhook. It just vanished in place when it left. Some other students observed the same phenomena that night.

Autumn 1977, Evening, Jiji Gou, Yangi County

Zhang Ren, a teacher of Ningxia University, furnished a report saying: "In a day in the Autumn of 1977, when the sun had gone down behind the hill, I was attending a meeting at the Jiji Gou (village) Production Brigade of the Subujing Commune, which was more than a hundred 'li' from Yangi County City. Suddenly I heard many people outside the room crying out loudly. I went out of the door and looked up. There i saw a pink object like a fireball flying rapidly from west to east in the sky. It disappeared in a moment. The object was twice as big as the moon. According to the people who saw the object before me, it flew over their heads very rapidly and noiselessly. Afterwards, I returned to the county city. The people in the city said that they also, at the same time of that evening had seen a similar aerial display.

Such fireballs have been reported many times before in all parts of the world. They are too slow to be meteors. Zhang Ren had time to get up from his meeting, go to the door and look out, and locate the object in the sky, and still had time for observation, a number of seconds involved. In other cases such sightings have endured a half a minute and more, still much too fast for any known flying vehicle. In Japan a man was able to take 4 photographs of such a flying object, looking exactly like a meteor. And in Argentina another witness had time to go for a camera, ready it, and still snap two photographs of the object, again looking just like an ordinary meteor. Nobody has yet satisfactorily explained these very slow "meteors".

Autumn 1977, 19:00, Shennong Jia District

In the Autumn of 1977, Comrade Yuan Zhenxing and others of the Palaeoanthropological Institute of the Chinese Academy of Science, were making investigations into savages in the Shennong District. At about seven o'clock in the evening one day, when they were holding a meeting, a middle school student came in and nervously reported that a "monster" had appeared in the sky. When

Yuan Zhenxing and the others rushed out the door, the "monster" had already flown over the mountain ridge and was gone. The villagers, however, were still in a state of excitement, and discussing the object. They demonstrated that there was, a moment ago, a round plate-like body giving out a yellowish-white light, and while rotating slowly about its vertical axis, flew noiselessly forward with a not very great speed. The rim of the circular object spurted out rays of fire in the direction of tangents. The observation lasted about one minute as it flew over the settlement. The day had not yet become completely dark. The sky was clear and cloudless. The moon had not yet risen.

Autumn 1977, 21:00, Taiyuan, Shaanxi Province

From the dormitory of the Taiyuan Dacron Factory in a southern suburb of Taiyuan, observer Fang Qing, an adult male member of The UFO Association, now an undergraduate in Chinese literature, 13th Class, Shanxi Teacher's College, who was then serving an apprenticeship, observed an unidentified flying object in the sky to the southwest, at a 30 degree elevation angle. It was as bright as the moon. Its altitude was about 2,000 meters above ground. Its apparent diameter was 15cm, and it was shaped like the top of a red lantern, with a bright crimson shell which was orange in color at the bottom. It flew straight from the direction of Jinci Mountain (southwest) toward Dongshan (northeast). There was no visible self-rotation and it was soundless. It vanished in the northwest in the distance at an elevation angle of 15 degrees. Its speed was slower than an AN-2 transport plane. Its bright color made a grand sight in the night sky which was cloudless and full of stars. It was observed by Zhang Huaiyi at the same time.

Late October 1977, Evening, Lunan District, Shaanxi

Li Hong of the 205th team (stationed in Gaoling County, Shaanxi Province) of the then Second Combined Material Exploration Brigade of the National Geological Head Bureau, stated in a report dated 6 October 1977:

"In 1977, we were working in the Lunan District in Shaanxi Province. In an evening in the middle or the last 10 days of October, many people were gathered before a stage in Sanyao to see a play. Suddenly an orange-yellow colored luminous plate-like rotating and flying object appeared in the sky, and moved slowly for one to two minutes from the northwest to the south-eastern sky. Many native residents in Yongfeng, responding to the outcry of astonishment, also came out to look at the object. It was stated that there were also people in Gaoling who had then seen this object. It is believed that not a few other persons were witness to this phenomenon at that time.

23 October 1977, 18:45, Xiangyang Municipality, Shaanxi

In a letter dated 27 September 1979, Liu Qinchuan, a graduate of the Second Middle School of Xiangyang Municipality, Shaanxi Province, stated: "On 23 October 1977, I was perusing magazines in the street of the village. The day was growing dark. Suddenly someone cried out, with his finger pointing to something as he shouted, 'Look, what is that?' Everybody lifted his head and looked upward. They saw a small ball-like body rotating and going forward at a very great speed. The time taken from its appearance until its disappearance was about one minute. I very interestedly recorded this incident in my junior middle school textbook. I wrote the date as 'October 23, 1977. Time: 45 minutes past six in the afternoon. Direction of flight: north to south.'"

End 1977, Night, Fengtai District, Beijing

Ding Yi of No. 1 Middle School, Yungang, Fengtai, watched a luminous flying object in the sky over the western mountains. It was at a visual angle of elevation of 40 degrees and hung still in the air without a sound. It had a curved tail in a semi-circle from the top downward.

1977, Evening, Hubei Province

A high school student and other witnesses in Hubei Province in central China reported a UFO sighting to Chinese anthropologist, Yuen Zhanxin, who was working in that zone at the time. The flying object was seen as circular and pan-shaped, and radiated a yellow-white light as it moved slowly through the night sky, remaining visible for about one minute. Another group of witnesses at a collective reported watching a similar object hover over the same part of Hubei that night as well as a similar report from Inner Mongolia. The party of witnesses at the collective in Hubei described the object as the apparent size of the moon and surrounded by a thin cloudlike ring of vapor at the middle. It was observed emitting this vapor for a number of seconds. The vapor stopped and it sped out of sight in a few seconds.

On an undisclosed date in 1977 one of the most sensational UFO cases on record occurred when an army of several hundred soldiers surrounded a landed unidentified flying object and tried to capture it. This rare incident was widely known and talked about within China, but authorities refused to let any information outside of the country.

1977, Evening, Eastern China, Coastal Region, Fujian

On an undisclosed evening in 1977 an unidentified flying object the size of a full moon, and gleaming brightly in the evening sky, approached across the strait from the direction of Taiwan and landed silently on a hilltop in Fujian Province. Three hundred soldiers immediately surrounded the hill with the intention of trying to capture it. The Captain in charge ordered, "Do not fire unless I call for it." A Lieutenant standing near asked, "Are we going to capture it?" "Yes, it may be some kind of secret weapon that America is furnishing to Taiwan", the Captain confidently replied. As the soldiers approached, the UFO became brighter and more radiant. Some of the men could not see because of the dazzlingly bright light. Many felt dizzy. "Captain,



should we order the men to fire?" the Lieutenant asked, "we can't get close to it." The Captain thought the situation over quickly and said, "Order our men to take cover first." Just then an indescribable noise came from the UFO — a sound that resembled the howling of the wind and the clatter of running engines. The light increased still more in intensity. The Captain then ordered the men to open fire on the target. For a short time, the sound of gunfire reverberated throughout the mountains, but the object on the hilltop remained intact. Suddenly it began to rise and ascended into the air, lighting up the whole vicinity all around. It flew away and 20 seconds later could no longer be seen.

Spring 1978, 22:00 Qinghai Tractor Plant

Wang Zexin of the Qinghai Tractor Plant saw a dazzlingly luminous flying object at a low altitude, 40 degree elevation angle, below and to the left of Polaris, on a Spring night in 1978. Its core was about  $\frac{2}{3}$  the size of a volleyball (apparent size), and it rotated slowly counterclockwise as it moved west. Its speed was about that of a two-seater trainer aircraft. It was surrounded by vaguely visible smoke or haze and flew soundlessly in the sky. It disappeared in the west. The sighting lasted about 4 minutes.

29 June 1978, 23:30, At an undisclosed location in China

Yan Jing of the National Defense Commission in charge of Science and Technology, observed a white luminous body in the northern sky. Its position was to the lower right of the Great Bear, and it was flying south. It emitted a white beam of light straight downward that was 6 to 7 times the length of the body itself. Straight below the "end" of the light beam appeared a smaller luminous body. Its distance from the bigger one was 10 times the latter's length. Both UFOs flew south together at greater speed than a satellite. They turned east in 2 minutes and continued the pace in their flight. In three more minutes the light beam went

out, leaving the two luminous bodies to fly on in their separate courses. Another minute later one of them vanished. The remaining one dimmed down but remained visible and continued to move eastward until out of sight.

This is the first case we have seen where there is direct mention of a cut off (truncated) beam of light, sometimes referred to as coherent light in similar western cases because the beam of light not only has been seen to be "extended" and "retracted", but also does not spread out with distance. One has to wonder how many more were just not reported because the phenomenon was completely unknown in China.

26 July 1978, 09:40, Shanxi Airport, Shanxi

At about 09:40 on 26 July 1978, Sha Yunkao, a flight instructor at the Shanxi Airport, encountered two unidentified flying objects at 3,000 meters altitude while he was piloting a training airplane of the flight school in the local training area. The two UFOs made two complete circles of the airport without being seen on the radar of the control tower. He tried unsuccessfully to pursue them. They suddenly ascended and flew away.

Early October 1978, 22:00, Sichuan Province

He Doulin of the Sichuan Motor Transport Company saw a round luminous flying object in the night sky. Its color and size was like the moon. It came out as it rotated about its axis, from behind hills, and dragged a luminous ring in its rear. It vanished behind hills again 15 minutes later.

23 October 1978, 20:04, Lintiao Airbase, Gansu Province

On Monday 23 October 1978, Zhou Qingtong, an Air Force pilot, reported that he and several hundred other Airforce men saw a big luminous flying object in the

sky above the airbase. According to his report: "We saw a very strange phenomenon. Our Army Unit was then stationed at Lintiao Airbase in Gansu Province. The pilots of our brigade and several hundred other persons in the airfield district were watching a cinema film in an open-air theater. Several minutes after the show had begun, that is at 4 minutes past the 20th hour, there was a flurry of disturbance in the audience and we all looked up at the sky which was cloudless and full of stars. There was no wind. When I looked, I saw a huge object flying from east to west. It first appeared in the eastern sky at an angle of 60 degrees above the horizon, then flew over our heads and was cut off from our view by the row of buildings 60 meters to the west. The object had a very peculiar appearance. It was an immense oblong object but was not clearly visible. It had two large lamps, like searchlights in front, shooting out white light forward, and a luminous trail issued from the rear. Both the front and rear light beams were changing in length and brightness at times, illuminating the space around the object like a mass of smoke or mist. The speed of its movement was not very great, and it progressed in a straight line. It was of huge size, occupying about 30 to 35 degrees of arc of vision. It was in sight for 2 or 3 minutes. It was clearly not a meteor, nor a swarm of locusts or birds, nor an airplane. As we were all fighter pilots we could say this with some certainty. It was not very high above the ground. After many days we were still talking about it. Someone said, alas! if we only had a camera and had taken a photograph, the question could be solved. Others offered the opinion that this object was no more than what was called a "Flying Pan". Therefore we have been keeping a lookout for reports in the press, but after more than one year we have not seen anybody reporting about this incident. Is it because none of you has seen this object? But there are thousands of people here who witnessed it."

Two days earlier, on 21 October, Australian pilot Valentich, flying across Bass Strait in a monoplane reported an encounter with a huge elongated flying which emitted green beams of light. Its shell shown like metal and it had bright lamps fore and aft. It



23 October 1978, 20:40, Airport in Gansu Province.

flew towards him, making his plane swivel in the air. Six minutes later communications between the pilot and Air Traffic Control were interrupted, and never resumed. Both plane and pilot have been missing ever since. The Chinese feel that these two events are connected.

5 November 1978. 17:30, Hankou, Hubei Province

Students Liu Jianping and Chen Xi, of the Twelfth Middle School of Wuhan, reported that at half past five in the afternoon of 5 November 1978, they discovered in the sky above the courtyard of the Provincial Supply and Marketing Cooperative at No. 489 Liberation Highway in Hankou, an elliptical flying object surrounded by thin cloud, mist, or smoke, and trailing three not very conspicuous tails.

13 November 1978, 21:10, Wuhan University

Students Zhang Jingming, Chen Shanda and Han Erfan, of the Aerial Physics Section of Wuhan University, discovered at 10 minutes past nine in the night of 13 November 1978, a round luminous flying object whose upper part was covered by a mound of upcurling smoky mist. Nobody was able to explain the phenomenon.

Another report of the same event was considerably more specific.

At nine-ten on the evening of November 13, 1978, when Zhang Zhengmin, a student of the Astrophysics Department of Wuhan University, returned to the dormitory from the library, he told his roommates Cheng Shanda and Han Erfan, that the "moon" in the west looked quite terrific and was bigger than usual. The two did not believe him because the moon should be in the east at that time. They rushed out of the room to confirm this, and sure enough, there was an object of apparent disc-shape in the west of the clear night sky. It was 1 degree in apparent diameter and 40 degrees in elevation above the horizon. The object glowed with a reddish orange color, and its brightness was a little

darker than a full moon. The upper part of the object was covered by some slowly rolling clouds. The covered part was sometimes larger and at other times smaller. It flew to the west by north while its color became darker and darker and its brightness decreased, but there was no obvious reduction of its apparent diameter all this time. Cheng Shanda said later, "All was quiet then and all three of us felt rather terrified. When the object was blocked by the building of the Chemistry Department, we ran to the library on higher ground in a hope to find it again, but it had disappeared. The whole process of the sighting encompassed about ten minutes."

Descriptions of flying objects in some dozen other reports from nine provinces about this time are the same or very similar, among which two reported that the object had flown into a cloud and lit up the whole cloud which looked magnificent to behold.

November 1978, Night, Qitai County, Xinjiang Province

In a report submitted by Comrade Zhao Zhiyun, he said, "We were watching a cinema show one evening in November 1978 when a bluish-white luminous object moved from west to east over our heads. Its front part was a ball-shaped light radiating body. Sometimes the ball changed into a gourd-shape, thin in the waist. When the flying object passed, it left a ribbon of luminous smoke and cloud in its wake, like the white smoky contrail of a jet airplane, which remained for a long time. Finally the ball of white light changed into an orange-yellow in color, and it disappeared in the distant east. Civil air traffic airplanes frequently fly across the sky of Qitai County at night, but generally the airplanes are not visible, nor is any smoke or cloud to be seen. We can only hear the noise of the aircraft. What was the strange phenomenon seen that night? It is hard to explain.." Zhao Zhiyun said that he had seen UFOs as many as eight times. Finally he said: "I have seen in suburban localities many satellites; I have seen the explosion of the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb; the flight of the guided

missile; the dropping and explosion of grade two rocket shells; the ignition of grade three rockets; and the flight of civil aviation and combat airplanes. But I have no way to explain these peculiar phenomena of the UFOs."

Autumn 1978, Night, Xiangyang, Shaanxi Province

Liu Pengfei and others of Xiangyang Machinebuilding School, watched a saucer-like object overhead that was the apparent size of a washbasin. Orange colored flames issued from one point on the edge and spread out in a fan shape. The object itself rotated counterclockwise, in reverse direction to the flames. It advanced along a spiraling course. Its movement was rather slow, rotating one revolution in 10 seconds. It travelled soundlessly at low altitude from northwest to southeast and vanished 2 to 3 minutes later.

Late Autumn 1978, 18:30, Yuanlong Township, Dayu County  
Jianxi Province

Xiao Ying made the following statement: "My home is in Yuanlong Township, Dayu County, Jianxi Province. One day in late autumn 1978, at about 6 p.m., when we were strolling on the hill, we saw a huge circular object in the sky, very luminous, and flying speedily over us. Its light blue rays were like the fluorescence of a luminous watch, and its shape quite like a huge iron disc (gong). It was surrounded by a halo of rays less brilliant than the object itself, with a long bright trail tagging after it. Within a dozen seconds it disappeared in the distant night sky, and with it vanished the trail it left behind. When it swept overhead, its powerful light illuminated the slope of the hill, but when the inhabitants of nearby cottages rushed out in alarm, they got only a glimpse of its vanishing luminous trail. It flew very fast, at low altitude, and without a sound. The observers were very curious, but none could tell what it was."



Late Autumn 1978, 18:30, Yuanlong Township, Dayu County, Jianxi Province.



1978, 21:00, Hami, Xinjiang Province

Comrade Liu Liangxin, a cadre of a certain Air Force Unit, in a letter, said: "In 1978, in an interval of less than one month, I twice saw in the sky, in the neighborhood of Hami, the appearance of a strange sky phenomenon. The first time was at 9 o'clock in the night (the sky had just gone dark in Xinjiang) when we were watching a cinema show in the square. Suddenly, a light appeared in the northwestern sky, lasting about five minutes. As our view was blocked by an office building, we could not see much of the travel of the luminous object. The light was much brighter than a flare, and brilliantly lighted up half the sky. More than a thousand people present at the cinema show saw this strange phenomenon and exclaimed in admiration, but no one knew what it was." Liu Liangxin continued: "The second time was also at about 9 o'clock in the night. I was in a railway station to meet somebody. Suddenly a light appeared from the Tianshan Mountain in the northwest. I saw a luminous round plate (not a ball) having an apparent diameter of about 5 meters. It rotated at not a very great speed and came flying toward the southeast. The light also moved with it. After some 5 seconds observation, it disappeared on the nearer side of the Tianshan Mountain. Many people in the railway station carefully observed this strange flying object and were hotly engaged in discussion. The sky was very bright and clear that night. There was no cloud. A first-quarter moon hung in the western sky. When the light from the flying object appeared, the moon looked dim. All things on the earth were brightly lit up."

Late January 1979, Before Dawn, Zhukou Commune, Taining County, Fujian Province

In late January 1979, a flying disc hung over the highway in Taining County, Fujian Province. It cast dazzling white beams of light which frightened three women from Zhukou Commune who were on their way to a market before dawn. They fled in panic. In the next month, February, of the same year, an extremely bright flying object skimmed over an airport in Shanxi

Province, which "lit up half the sky".

13 February 1979, 20:00, Jianli County

At 8 o'clock in the evening of February 13, 1979, Ji Zhihong, Dai Haihua, Liu Guafang and others of the People's Dayuan Farm of Jianli County again observed a silvery-white flying object like a large pan flying slowly from northeast towards the southwest. The object was noiseless in its flight and not too bright. The altitude was about several hundred meters. It flew at a constant speed. This observation was 95 days after the last one in this locality.

8 July 1979, 19:35, Guizhou

At about 19:35 on 8 July 1979, at Guizhou, observer Bai Zhili, a telephone technician at the Guizhou Organic Chemical Plant, watched a round flying object in the night sky. It was a luminous white in color and had an apparent diameter close to that of a full moon. There were dark lines on the bottom in the shape of a "Y" from center outward, which were more distinct toward the center. The object rotated clockwise at less than one revolution per minute. Then a slight puff of smoke swept past the bottom, when it made a sudden turn southward and disappeared, leaving a trail of white smoke in its wake. At this time the elevation angle was 70 degrees above the horizon.

24 July 1979, 09:00, Zhejiang

At Zhejiang, observer Shen Feng of the Zhejian Ocean Shipping Corporation saw a bright star moving slowly in the daylight sky and emitting a brilliant yellow light. It remained in sight for about thirty minutes.

One can only speculate on how bright this yellow star would appear to be if seen under night conditions.

24 July 1979, Evening, Northeast Xizang (Tibet)

The official Xinhua News Agency reported: "This incident occurred on 24 July in the northeast of Xizang, and was observed by the eye-witness and several others with him. According to the statement of a meteorological officer in Lhasa, the capital of Xizang, 'The object was surrounded by a bluish-white ring. Before its disappearance, its speed was estimated at over 70 miles per hour. It moved in the sky for 7 minutes. When the unidentified flying object was moving, its central part became brighter; it rotated, and the direction of rotation was opposite that of the ring of light. At the same time, the ring of light would expand, but when it did it became less bright.'"

28 July 1979, 05:25, Jiangjen County, Sichuan Province

On 4 October 1979, Liu Kundai, a resident of Jiangjen County, Sichuan Province submitted the following report: "In the early morning of 28 July 1979, when the sky had just begun to turn light, I got up and was sitting on the bedside. Just at that moment, it suddenly became very bright outside the house. I got up and looked out from a window, and saw circular object (with a dome on top) like a wash-basin, shooting out silvery-white rays that lighted up the surroundings, and was flying towards me from the west. It was enveloped by a clearly visible halo of hazy light. Judging from the size of the strange object, the degree of its luminosity and the speed and direction of its flight, I concluded immediately that it was not the moon. I hurried to waken my wife, who also had a clear view of the object. Soon after, the unusual object flew into the clouds. Then the edges of the clouds showed in a beautiful splendor like a golden necklace. The object then disappeared among the clouds that morning. I looked at my wrist-watch. The time was thirty minutes past five."

Apparently there was another observer of the same phenomenon that morning, for the next report turned up in another file from the same place.

Late July 1979, 05:33, Jiangjin County, Sichuan Province

Witness Liu Kunzai and several others from the County Commerce Bureau, observed a luminous round flying object in the air above giving off a silvery light. It was slightly bigger than the full moon. No rotation was observed. It was surrounded by a clearly visible halo of whitish light. It flew from northwest to southeast. For two minutes it was flying above the clouds. The clouds were internally illuminated and became golden at the edges. The object vanished in the clouds.

Early August 1979, 16:00, Shaanxi Normal School

A letter from Wang Yongjun, third year student of the History Section, Shaanxi Normal School, dated 29 September 1979 stated: "On a day in the first 10 days in August during Summer vacation, I witnessed an unusual aerial phenomenon. It was 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The sky was clear. I was gathering up wheat grains scattered on the ground, together with the mamma. Suddenly I discovered then, that there in the west, was an object surrounded by balls of fire. It rotated and flew towards the southwest. It had three colors, yellow, red and white, the yellow color being much the brightest. I could see the fire flames inside the ball. Although the ball was constantly changing in appearance, the flames did not extend to the outside of the ball. The speed of the object was quite constant. It was quicker than an airplane, but slower than meteors. It did not stop moving and did not rise any higher. After about one minute it suddenly disappeared. The apparent size of the object was bigger than a wash-basin and was smaller than a sieve."

21 August 1979, 21:30, Changde, Hunan Province

From Changde, Hunan Province, witness Luo Xuezhi, a staff member of the Changde Diesel Engine Plant in Hunan Province, watched an unusual flying object in the northern sky. It was ellipsoid in shape and was at an altitude of about 1500 meters. It was an orange

color in front, and was radiating yellowish-red light, brighter than the full moon. It was jetting a luminous gas from its rear. It flew soundlessly in a horizontal direction from north to south by west. It was in sight for about three minutes. Observed through 2.5 power binoculars, it resembled a dirigible. It vanished at exactly 21:43.

21 August 1979, 22:00, Beijing City

Near Ritan Park in Beijing City, observers Wang Jianmin, Ding Youze and others totalling more than 35 witnesses, saw an aerial flying object that appeared in the southwest at an elevation angle of 50 degrees. It was ellipsoid in shape, like a tilted iron disc in the sky, and was silvery colored and bright as a full moon. Its apparent diameter was about 20 centimeters. It travelled slowly at first, soon accelerated, then paused two seconds, moved and paused two seconds, and continued in this start-and-stop manner in its northward flight. It rotated counterclockwise at an altitude estimated at about 800 meters. It disappeared 1 to 2 minutes later. It was a cloudy night with an east wind.

26 August 1979, 22:45, Chengcun, Jingxian District, Anhui Province

From 22:45 to 22:50 on the night of 26 August 1979, Zheng Boxian, an officer in the People's Liberation Army and a number of residents of the village of Chengcun, in Jingxian District in the south mountains of Anhui Province, watched an unidentified flying object in the dark sky above. It looked like a gigantic ship of flames in the form of a thick disc whose width subtended an arc of 1.5 degrees, and whose thickness subtended .5 degrees. The object was red in color, surrounded by an orange firelike glow. The lower part of the ship seemed a little darker while the upper part was quite bright. The object seemed to be flying at a speed slower than an airliner. As seen in the sky it seemed to be at a height of 200 meters above ground. It flew along the right bank of the Qingge River there in the

direction of the village, and then moved to the other bank as it approached. It moved horizontally in complete silence as it overflowed the encampment of the Army Unit provisionally stationed in the village, until it came over Daba, where it made a 180 degree turn and retraced its route back in the direction of the state road and then turned to the right towards the mountains. As it reached the mountains, they reflected its glow, and then it ascended at a steep angle up into the sky beyond the mountains and disappeared.

9 September 1979, 21:30, Jianli County, Hubei Province

At 30 to 40 minutes past nine in the night of 9 September 1979, Xiao Shengnan and Shen Ziran, technician members of the People's Dawan Farm of Jianli County, and Luo Xuezhi of the Hunan Diesel Engine Factory, Camphor Bridge, Changde County, respectively observed an elliptical luminous object high in the night sky at an altitude of 1,500 meters. It was at 70 degrees elevation above the horizon in the southwest, brighter than the full moon, and radiating bright reddish-yellow rays. It had a luminous blue rim in front of it and trailed a cone-shaped tail of light about four times its diameter behind it. It was speeding silently from north towards the southwest. Xiao and Shen called two of their work-mates out to watch together with them. When the object reached 15 degrees elevation it suddenly made a right angle turn and slowed down. Then, when it was at 10 degrees elevation, it changed its course to the southeast and disappeared from sight behind some trees. The whole sighting lasted about one minute.

9 September 1979, 21:40, Changde County, Hunan Province

At 9:40 in the evening of 9 September 1979, when the Hunan Diesel Engine Factory in Chengde County was showing a film in the open air gathering, the audience suddenly burst into an uproar and turned in astonishment to look up into the sky. A staff member of the factory political department, raising his eyes, saw an object of apparent ellipsoid shape at a height of about 1,500

meters overhead and to the west. It was brighter than the full moon and was emitting reddish-yellow rays. It trailed a bright tail like a stream of vapor behind its orange head. It flew silently on a course parallel to the horizon, from north to southwest, and disappeared after 3 minutes. The witness carefully watched this phenomenon with a 2.5 magnification telescope and wrote a detailed report afterward.

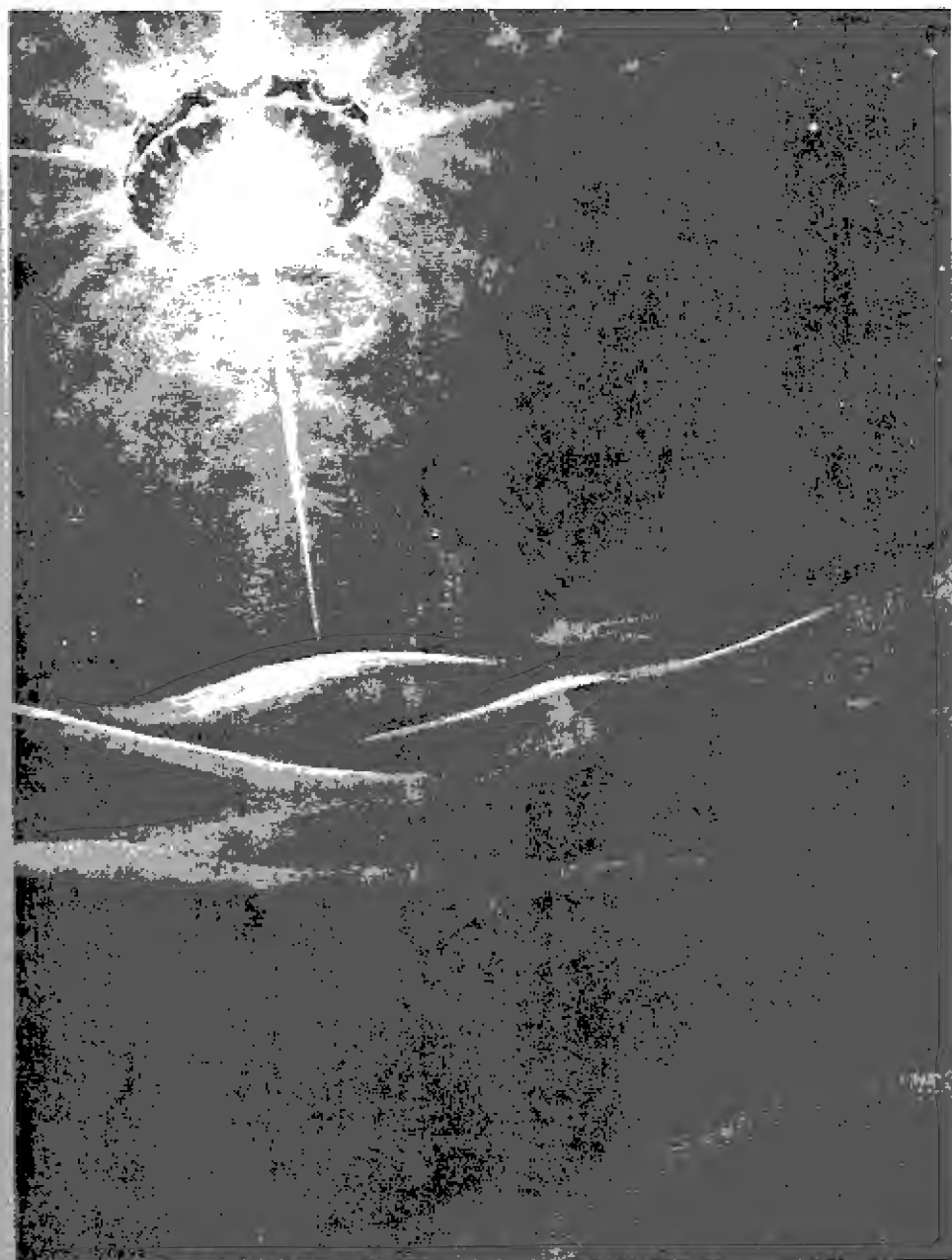
Changde and Jianli are 145 kilometers apart and there was no cloud in the sky that night at either of the two places. If both groups observed the same object it is calculated that its speed was 850 kilometers per hour! If it slowed at any time to change direction, there may have been intervals of even greater speed. The witness estimated the apparent diameter of the major axis of the flying object as over 2 degrees of arc. If this is correct, and the distance estimate of 1,500 meters is correct, then the linear size of the object would be over 50 meters!

12 September 1979, 20:45, Tianxinping, Huaihua City, Hunan Province

Xujinlong, a citizen of Huaihua, and several others observed a sudden and complete power failure in their area. Fifteen minutes later a bright flying object appeared in the air overhead, emitting a spray of white rays upward, which were brighter on the right than on the left. The object flew obliquely upward and vanished a minute later, leaving two masses of luminous clouds which were semi-spherical in shape, some 100 meters across, and looked like the bottom of a cauldron. The object flew from northwest to north without a sound. It was lost in the night sky one minute later.

20 September 1979, 01:00, Awati County, Uighur Autonomous Region, Xinjiang Province

Yuan Yong'an submitted the following observation report: "Our farm lies to the southeast in Awati County in Xinjiang. A few dozen kilometers to the east is the



20 September 1979, 01:00, Awati County, Uighur Autonomous Region, Xinjiang Province.



Takramagan Desert, known from antiquity as the 'Sea of Death'. On one night about the 20th of September, 1979, at 1 a.m., when the sky was very clear and the stars bright, I was gazing into the sky, and all of a sudden an orange-colored luminous flying object came into view. It was quite like a full moon but smaller. Its edges were clear and sharp. It was flying noiselessly at tremendous speed from east to westward. Two to three minutes later it vanished below the western horizon. It could not have been any aircraft, for it did not bear any similarity to one, nor did it make any sound in flight, nor could it have been any biotic group because no living creature on earth has the ability to fly at a speed many times that of sound. It could not have been a high altitude survey balloon either since no balloon could fly so fast against the wind. A few days later, Wang Chengyao, who lived southeast of the farm, told me that the same sight was observed, at the same time by himself and 6 to 7 others at their living quarters.

28 September 1979, 00:30, Putong County, Hebei Province

Si Lunqing, a teacher of Longtan Ping Middle and Primary School, Baisha Commune, Putong County, Hebei, reported a night sighting of a UFO as follows: "In the night of September 27, 1979, when the students had gone to bed, all the teachers and other workers of the school were holding a meeting in the office room. I did not attend the meeting on account of illness. The noise made me unable to go to sleep. At about 30 minutes past midnight, on the early morning of the 28th, I discovered a luminous object the size of a wash-basin outside my window. It was giving out very bright deep blue beams of light. The sky was cloudy that night and it was pitch dark outside. The luminous object, however, had lighted up my room as bright as at noon. It flew away toward the west at about 40 meters per second. Its altitude was not much higher than the house in which I was sleeping. After the luminous object had flown away, for two or three minutes, sounds like the firing of cannon, or like muffled thunder were heard in the distance for about one minute. The sighting lasted for

about 10 seconds until the object was obscured beyond the eaves of the house. During this time, other teachers who were attending the meeting in the office room had also heard the sounds and seen the bright light but they had not seen the luminous object."

Another report referring to the same event, said that, "Si Lunqing, a woman teacher of the Baisha Commune in Badong, and her husband, discovered at the same time, an elliptical flying object giving out a gradually deepening dark blue and green colored light. It sped away after 10 seconds observation."

#### September 1979, Mountain Range, Fujian Province

On an unrecorded day in September 1979, Yang Guang, a cadre of the Ministry of Forests and several comrades from his group, were patrolling in an unidentified mountain range in Fujian province, when they observed a strange flying object. At about mid-day they were descending the flank of a large mountain and were facing a valley ahead. One of them called attention to something that was flying in the direction of the valley. About 1,000 meters from them they saw a circular object floating like an inverted soupbowl out towards the valley ahead. The object was silver colored and reflected the sun brilliantly from the side of the raised center on top and from the sloping edges of the flanged rim. Hanging from the lower part they could see a tripod landing gear (or more correctly, what looked like "tentacles"). It flew slowly in lazy circles in the sky as though it were observing the valley and our activities. Sometimes it came quite close, as if it were going to approach us, and when we signalled to it, it sped away. We thought it must be a new type of reconnaissance airplane from an exterior enemy. We decided to take a photograph of it, but as soon as the camera was ready it instantly disappeared! The upper part was shiny and smooth, and it had a small dome or raised part in the middle.

1 October 1979, 21:20, An Undisclosed Location, China

At an undisclosed location in China, at 21:20 in the evening of 1 October 1979, a luminous "ball of gas" appeared above the horizon at an azimuth of 320 to 330 degrees. It radiated a creamy soft light, and was semi-circular in shape. Its elevation, a visual angle of 3 degrees as seen from the observer's position. This "gas ball" diffused slowly skyward while its apparent density decreased. By 21:30 it had reached maximum size, almost spreading over the whole northwestern sky. The elevation angle increased to nearly 45 degrees.

13 October 1979, 18:00, Renji County, Guangdong Province

Wang Xuesheng and several others of the Renji Pharmaceutical Factory watched nine star-like brightly luminous objects operating overhead in the dusk sky. They hung still at several thousand meters altitude, aligned in a semi-circle extending beyond the nearby airport. Suddenly one of the objects discharged a puff of grey smoke, moved around 10 degrees and stopped still again. As it became darker and stars became visible, it dimmed down and finally vanished. A sketch was made.

14 October 1979, 21:00, Tongchuan Municipality, Shaanxi

Liu Gengji, a worker of the Truck Repairing Factory of the Construction Company of Tongchuan Municipality, addressed a letter report dated 14 October 1979, describing a remarkable experience just undergone: "At about 9 o'clock in the evening, I together with two youths, was sent to the railway station to get some vegetables. On our way back to the production brigade, we happened to look up and suddenly saw a clump of misty cloud giving out a white light. It had a semi-transparent body. The sky was clear and cloudless. There was no moon. As we had never seen semi-transparent clouds before, we were full of curiosity. So we, while pushing our carts, continued to look at the cloud. Two other fellow workers did the same. After nearly twenty seconds, a moon-like ball of light, larger than

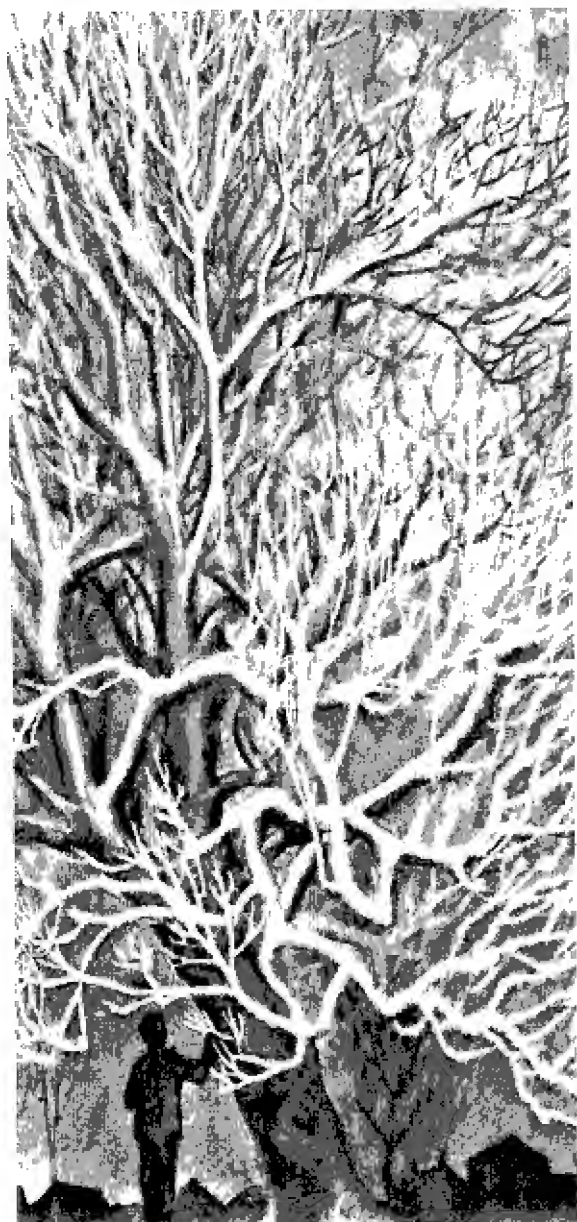
the full moon in mid-Autumn, appeared from among the clouds. It gave out white beams of light that extended slowly, and it rotated at the same time. After flying for about 200 meters it stopped and was again enveloped by the semi-transparent cloud mass and disappeared from view. In the course of its flight, the luminous ball left a chain of misty spots of exhaust gas such as is ejected by a jet engine. The angle of elevation of this object was about the same as that of the moon. After I had gone about a kilometer, I found that the object had turned toward the back of the west mountain and was flying with a greater and constant speed. If it did not spurt out the misty clouds, I would have thought that the moon tonight was moving more quickly than it usually did. Upon returning to the production brigade, I took down the goods from the cart and went to the grain drying yard. There were already four or five persons discussing what they also had just seen. The leader of the production brigade was among them. I asked him whether he had seen the object that had just passed. The leader replied: 'I've seen it all. It came up from below the mountain road of the east mountain, and was very bright and big. Later, I did not give it so much attention, and don't know how it went away.'

Early November 1979, Night, Guizhou

At Guizhou Organic Chemical Works observer, Bai Zhili, a staff member of the plant, saw two stars move from the west eastward, deviating slightly crosswise, while maintaining a steady position with regard to each other. The angle of elevation increased as it moved, and increased to 80 degrees when it began to diminish in the east.

11 November 1979, Fan Da Factory, Guangxi

An official of the Fan Da Factory of Guangxi, saw a shiny silver object flying at great velocity in the sky as it discharged a trail of liquid or powder behind it.



Early November 1979, Night, Guizhou Organic Chemicals.

5 November 1979, 17:30, Wuhan Municipality, Hubei

At half past five in the afternoon of November 5, 1979, Liu Jianping and Chen Xi, students of the 12th Middle School of Wuhan Municipality, discovered a bright orange-red oblate flying object in the sky above their heads when they were in the courtyard of the Provisional Supply and Marketing Cooperative at No. 489, Liberation Highway, Hankou. The object was enveloped in a wispy smoke, and was moving irregularly, up and down and side to side, as it floated slowly northwest. It was leaving a trail behind it.

9 November 1979, 21:30, Jianli County

At about 30 minutes past nine on 9 November 1979, Xiao Shengnan, Shen Zhirun and other technicians of the Agricultural Science Research Institute at Jianli saw a yellow-white ball-shaped flying object turning orange-red and trailing a long tail. The ball was surrounded by a ring of blue light. It flew from northeast to southwest at quick speed. When it was low on the horizon it turned west and flew at decreased speed. The tail was conical-shaped, and its luminosity was about that of a first magnitude star. The observation lasted one minute until the object was hidden behind trees in the distance.

Late November 1979, Afternoon, Taining, Fujian

On one Thursday afternoon in late November 1979, at the County Seat of Taining, Fujian Province, Zhang Jinfu of the Fujian Highway Administration, saw a flying object in the air that was at first enveloped in a mass of white fog. Two or three minutes later the fog was dispersed to disclose an object that was round and big in the bottom while pointed on top like a pyramid. It had bright blue rays of light coming out from the bottom of the machine. It remained still in the air for about ten minutes, then slowly moved northward and vanished. It was seen at a 40 degree elevation angle.

Late November 1979, 19:00, Shazhou, Jiangsu

At some time past seven in the evening of Wednesday in the last ten days of November 1979, Gu Yuexin, of the Shazhou Electrical Machinery Plant of Jiangsu Province, was taking a walk on a plot of wasteland together with some companions. Suddenly they saw a fiery yellow ball of light with a diameter of more than 40 centimeters (apparent) hanging up in the sky. At that time there were no moon or stars visible. The luminous ball hung silently in the sky. After two minutes it disappeared.

29 November 1979, 19:45, Qitai County, Xinjiang Province

At 45 minutes past the 19th hour on November 29, 1979, Zhang Zhido, of the Xinjiang Geological Brigade, saw an egg-shaped ring of light to the southwest of Qitai County City of Xinjiang. It moved from west to northwest along the Tianshan Mountain in a manner something like riding swells or waves at sea. The ring of light was cream-colored and slightly yellowish-green. There was a bright spot shaped like a drop of water in the front of the ring. Its size was about one fiftieth of the ring. It moved up and down following the movement of the ring. The moon was very bright that night, and the stars had become dim in comparison. Zhang could see the luminous object very clearly. The observation lasted about 12 minutes. Three 11 to 12 year old children and a grandmother of seventy also saw the strange object in the sky.

13 December 1979, 04:00, Lanxi, Zhejiang Province

At 04:00 a.m. on December 13, 1979, at Lanxi near to the Xin'anjiang Highway, in Zhejiang Province, observers Wang Jianming (26) of the Jinhua Chemical Works, and Wang Dingyuan (33) of the Weihua Steel Construction Plant, saw something very strange in the night. Each was driving a truck. Wang Dingyuan was proceeding in front, when suddenly he saw a powerful light beam and

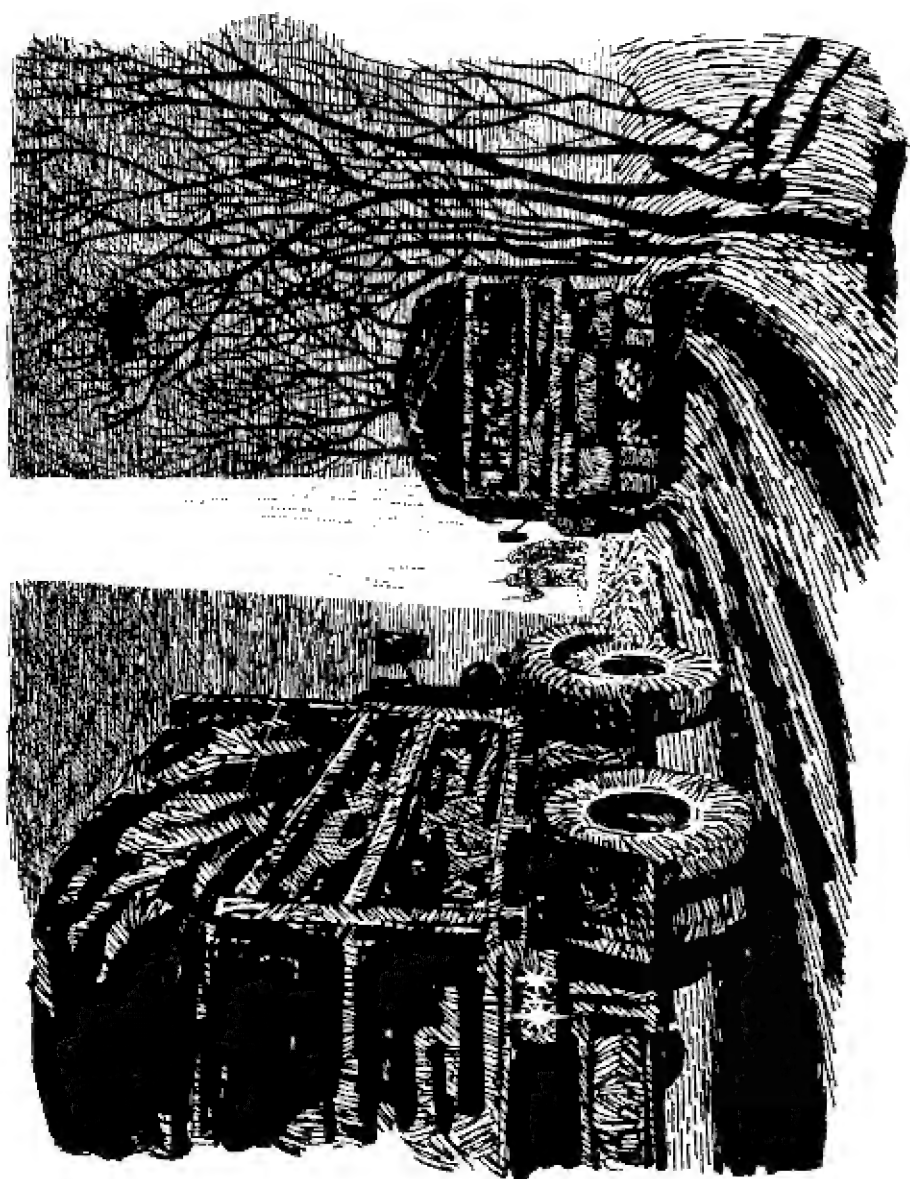
two most unusual human beings standing on the highway. Both drivers came to a sharp halt, when just as suddenly all abruptly vanished. The two drivers discussed the strange apparition, not seen at this time by the second driver, and decided to swap positions with Wang Jianmin driving ahead, and they started up again. They had gone 5 to 6 more kilometers without incident, when all at once Wang Jianmin saw the same beam of light and figures standing beside the highway some 200 meters ahead. The figures were 1.5 meters tall, wore helmets on their heads and "space apparel", with something like a thermos bottle slung across their shoulder. They also had a square package on their backs. Each was holding a short cudgel in his left hand. A red light was also being emitted from the top of the helmet. Wang Jianmin halted his truck, turned off the headlights, and then turned them on again. The figures were still there. He tried this again and the figures remained. Wang then opened his door and dismounted with a prying bar in his hand. At that point, both the light beam and the figures vanished.

Wang Dingyuan, later writing of this experience, said that he was driving a Japanese made truck, carrying a load from Lin'an, and Wang Jianmin was hauling silica from Fuyang. They had never met before that night. The location of the sighting was near Longwangmiao on the Lanxi-Xin'anjiang Highway. Wang Dingyuan in the lead truck at first, was the only one to see the strange light and figures the first time. When both trucks stopped and the drivers got out of their vehicles, the strange sight had vanished. Wang Dingyuan was frightened, so Wang Jianmin then took the lead. When the strange sight appeared the second time, it was seen by Wang Jianmin only.

13 December 1979, 20:00, Jianli County, Hubei Province

At 20:00 on 13 December 1979, at Jianli County, Ji Zhimin and others observed a large saucer-like bright silvery flying body in the sky. It was travelling slowly and silently at 100 meters altitude to the SW.





13 December 1979, 04:00, Lanxi Highway, Zhejiang.

19 December 1979, 20:05, Buniuhe Commune

Fu Laigue and others totaling more than 10 adult people watched two unusual flying objects which appeared in the sky, then merged into one. They flew from west by north to north by east, were radiant blue in the centers and red toward the edges. They were brighter than the moon or stars that night. They disappeared gradually at 20:58.

25 December 1979, 20:00, Kunming

At about 20:00 on the evening of 25 December 1979, two students of the Metallurgical Institute of Kunming, saw a luminous half-sphere of a blood-red color with a white outline, in the dark sky. It hovered immobile just above the horizon for a time, and then suddenly, as though struck by something, it shot rapidly toward the witnesses and passed overhead, where they could see it rotating rapidly around its vertical axis, and that its shape was ovate, possibly from the rotation. It ascended quickly and disappeared in a very few seconds.

26 December 1979, 00:18, Kunming, Yunnan Province

At eighteen minutes past mid-night, on the morning of 26 December 1979, at Kunming City, Yunnan, observers Zhao Xueling and Lin Yang, undergraduates at Kunming Medical College, watched a big red fireball in the western sky. It was ellipsoid in shape, of crimson color with a whitish shading in the lower part. It was positioned at 45 degrees elevation above the horizon. The shape changed from hemi-spherical to oblate as it moved, and the color in the upper part became dark blue while the lower part remained crimson. It had a misty belt in the middle, like saturn's rings. It flew toward the observers rotating clockwise, then flew off with a reversed rotation. It was travelling along in an undulating motion with very agile movements. The entire object seemed to be formed by two hemispheres being placed together like the shells of a clam. There was

a blue color where the two hemispheres met. In just a few dozen seconds it flew back to where it was first seen. It travelled twice to and fro like this. Five minutes later it flew west again. The bottom half began to diminish from the edge inward. The entire object finally vanished at 40 degrees elevation above. It disappeared from view at 00:23.

This unbelievable spectacle was witnessed by two separate parties of observers, from separate locations in the same city, at different times of the same night. Neither party was in contact with the other or had heard of the other similar observation until connected by the UFO researchers, yet their separate descriptions are remarkably similar. This is a good study in the amount of relevant detail furnished by different observers. And a third report for the same night added still more:

26 December 1979, 21:00, Taixian County, Jiangsu

Fei Hangmo, a young man of house No. 43, Baiyi Street, Jiangaian Town, Taixian County, Jiangsu Province was quite explicit in his description of the incident he observed at about 9 o'clock in the night of December 26, 1979. The weather was clear and the moon was high in the sky full of twinkling stars. According to his own statement: "In the northeastern sky, (I saw) a red luminous flying object rotating anti-clockwise about its own (vertical) axis. It was floating towards the south along an arc-curved line. Its shape was very much like the plate in the diamond pattern of a Diamond brand wrist watch (a flattened oblate spheroid shape in a diamond shaped frame, logo). There were several pillar-like lines on the plate (oblate shape). The whole object was slightly smaller than a fist. A moment later a sizeable ring of light, with a diameter of about 5 to 6 meters, appeared around the object. The color of the flying object seemed to be red. It appeared to be transparent, and had a comparatively strong luminosity. The flying object disappeared rapidly by rising vertically with a wisp of clear 'smoke'. The whole sighting lasted about 20 minutes." Fei Hangmo also said that the flying object was noiseless, and that in the process of its flight away, it became smaller and

finally disappeared.

Late 1979, 17:00, At an undisclosed location

An anonymous report attributed to a credible source stated that an unidentified flying object the size of a bus appeared in the air above a group of witnesses. It was streamlined in shape and silvery-white in color. It moved soundlessly at 500 meters altitude and soon disappeared.

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On the Chinese calendar 1980 was the year of the monkey, but it would be more appropriately called, "The Year of the UFO". That was a big year for UFOs in China. On the heels of the tacit recognition of the phenomenon in 1979, Beijing was flooded with not only older reports that suddenly came to life, but an unprecedented avalanche of new reports occurring daily all over the country. Recently in 1982, Charles Bowen and Gordon Creighton, of Flying Saucer Review, both observing a considerable recession in UFO activity for 1980 worldwide, speculated that there nevertheless were waves or flaps of sightings going on somewhere at that time, perhaps where there were communications difficulties. They couldn't have been more right, for here in China is where a phenomenal UFO flap was going on, just as they had predicted. No less than 98 cases were reported to us for that period, and we are quite sure we do not have them all. Hsieh Chu, editor of the Chinese magazine, "Aerospace Knowledge", wrote: "We can no longer ignore the existence of UFOs because of the great number of sightings reported in our country." And in May CURO was formed, replacing a pre-existing group of scientists and students at Wuhan University, who had already by then collected about 200 Chinese UFO cases through their own efforts during this last year. Astrophysicist Che Leping became its first Director. The newer reports were showing better investigation and follow-up, and the work was being done by scientists and professionals. The true extent of this great wave of UFO activity may not be known for years, even there where it was taking place.

21 January 1980, 19:35, Yangpu District, Shanghai

Feng Mingxing and another worker of the branch factory of the Yaolong Chemical Works, Shanghai, saw a star-like object with two lights giving off bluish-white rays of light, one brighter than the other. The object zig-zaged forward in soundless flight. its degree of brightness was -0.5m. It was lost behind some buildings as it flew away.

29 January 1980, 24:00, Fujian Province

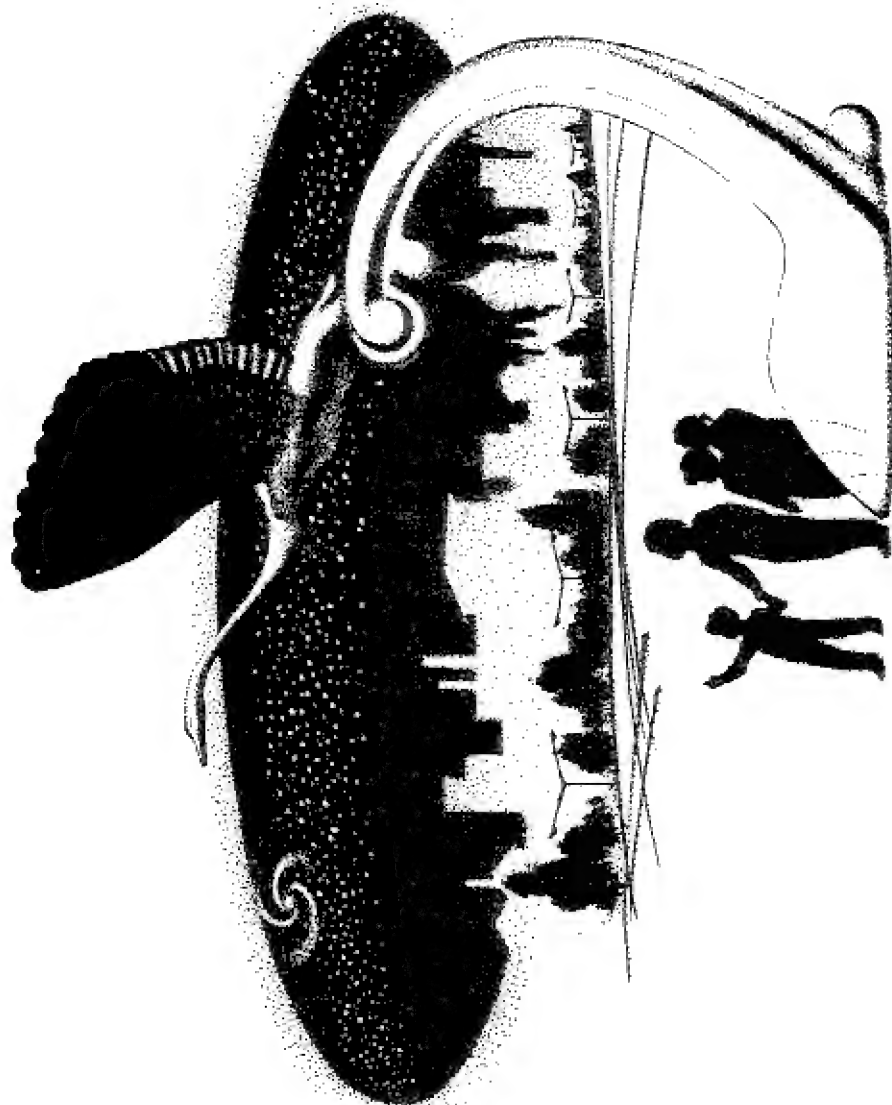
Wang Zhangrong observed a spherical body at an elevation of several hundred meters in the sky. It was about a dozen centimeters across in apparent size. It gave off a red light shining from some "windows". It whirled round in a small circle of 3 meters (apparent) diameter before disappearing from sight.

5 February 1980, 17:40, Harbin, Manchuria

She Feng offered the following statement: "I am a pupil at Hongjie Primary School, Harbin. I saw UFOs on two occasions recently. The first time was 5 February 1980, at 5:40 p.m., when I was on my way back from the factory where my mother works. I saw a strange star above which gave off a red light. It was still there at first; suddenly it began to move westward very slowly, and finally disappeared."

8 February 1980, 17:40, Harbin, Manchuria

She Feng's second sighting followed the first by only 3 days. "At 5:40 p.m., on February 8th, which was the 15th of the 1st moon of the Lunar Calendar, I was shooting off some firecrackers with other children of the compound, when I looked up and found the same flying object sailing from east to west in the sky. At my outcry, my elders all rushed out to look. Then the object began to rotate, emitted three streaks of gas, and started to move backward. Its light dimmed as it



5 February 1980, 17:40, Harbin, Manchuria.

went further away, and vanished at last in the dark.

The following is extracted from an article written by Mr. Jin Tao, an Editor of the "Guanming Daily" in Beijing.

#### 1980 -- UFO AROUSING GENERAL INTEREST IN CHINA

"Though there are no accurate statistics, there is no doubt, 1980 was a year when UFOs were frequently witnessed and discussed in China. Here I am not going to repeat the reports published in some newspapers and magazines. After my article was published in the magazine "Science and Life", I recieved many letters reporting the latest news of a "Flying Saucer", which expanded the area of UFO's. Now I shall report briefly on some of them, one by one, chronologically:"

24 February 1980, 08:00, Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Long Zhicheng, a staff member of the People's Hospital in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province in southwest China, reported a sighting. Quite different from many others who spotted a flying saucer at night, he witnessed it in daytime. This is seldom found among the reports that have been published in China. In his letter dated August 4, 1980, he wrote: 'It was on 24 February, Sunday, and the sky was clear and vast and it was a little bit cold and windy. At 8 a.m., I set off to collect firewood in the mountains. Starting from the town of Chuxiong, I went southwest and then began to climb the mountains in the direction of the setting sun. The first hill was about 1,000 meters from foot to summit. After I climbed up the first hill and was about to climb the second, I raised my head and looked up into the sky. Suddenly I spotted a flying object the size of a basketball and as bright as a mercury vapor lamp in the sky. Casting a dazzling white light, it flew silently overhead. This 'flying monster' headed in the direction of Zijin Mountains and then disappeared. I stood there for about 15 minutes, trying to makesure if there was any sound in the sky, but no.'"



The continuing immediate chronology is for Editor Jin Tao's special report only. Regular chronologh will be resumed following this report.

May 1980, 20:30, Dalian, Liaoning Province

In a letter written on 3 July, Li Rong, a resident at No 15 Huasheng Street in Dalian, Liaoning Province, reported that a UFO appeared over Dalian in May. It was at about 8:30 p.m., when he saw a big round object in the sky, which gave out a bright red light. It moved from west to northwest at not very fast speed, with a white misty tail trailing behind. The room and the whole compound were aglow with the light and it vanished from sight after a few minutes.

27 June 1980, 19:00, Yinchuan, Ningxia

A UFO was seen at about 7 p.m. on June 27 in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region in northwest China. The witness to this incident, Wang Xiuzhen, was a young girl. She reported that when she was playing badminton with a friend in the courtyard, she saw a moving ring (of light) the size of an egg at arm's length, and of cream color, beside a cloud in the northwest. It disappeared after one minute.

21 July 1980, 21:40, Baotou, Inner Mongolia

Two students in Class 3783 of the Baotou Mechanical Engineering School in Baotou, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Yang Peiming and Fan Cuilian, reported in detail a UFO they had seen the previous day. It was in the evening of July 21, when they were reviewing their lessons beneath an elm tree on the campus. It was a sultry day and a crescent moon hung high in the sky. At a time between 9:40 to 10:10 p.m., the earth suddenly turned white and the sky was aglow. "We abruptly raised our heads with a start and saw a big round fireball overhead, which was quite near the ground with an estimated diameter of .5 meters (apparent). It seemed that it cast more white rays than red. It flew

21 July 1980, 22:00, Baotou, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.



quickly overhead to the northwest and gradually became smaller with more red rays. Meanwhile it became more visible with a wonderful tail of light. It was not so dazzling as the sun". The sighting lasted about 50 seconds from the moment they saw the UFO till it disappeared (because their view was blocked by high houses)

27 July 1980, 03:00, Dangshan County, Anhui Province

In a letter dated 28 July (1980), Kou Chengchun who was working in the Medicine Corporation in Dangshan County, Anhui Province, reported that the night of July 26 was very hot and the sky was clear and starry. But at about 3 a.m. the following morning, the weather of a sudden changed and heavy rain began to fall. People sleeping in the courtyard to enjoy the cool hurried to move inside their rooms. Suddenly Kou saw a yellow ring of light about the size of a fist revolving at high speed beneath a dark cloud due east. It became as large as two fists in some dozen seconds and then gradually disappeared after about two minutes. Kou emphasized the following points in his letter:

1. He looked at his watch immediately. It was 04:08
2. His neighbors in the same compound saw it too.
3. It was pitch dark with no stars visible.

26 August 1980, 22:45, Yancheng, Jiangsu

A Letter written jointly by Zou Chengqun, Shi Wenquan, Chen Jiejie, and Cui Shaoqing from the Hygiene School in Yangcheng, Jiangsu Province, said: "When we were chatting outdoors that night, suddenly at about 22:45 a luminous body about 20 centimeters in diameter appeared in the sky, which had a bright tail of over one meter's length (both apparent size) and was moving from north by east to south by west. We took it as a meteor at first, but later we found that its speed was too slow, only like that of a supersonic plane, and the body and long tail remained unchanged all the time. We watched it for about one minute until it was obscured by some buildings. No sound was heard throughout."

26 August 1980, 20:45, Zhushan Commune, Yomkang County, Zhejiang Province

Wang Dasan, a student of Xiapian Middle School at Zhushan Commune wrote: "At 10:45 p.m. on August 26 when we were on the way home after having watched TV, we suddenly spotted a large ball of fire on the northern horizon which was flying rapidly towards the south. At first we took it as a kite-lantern, but immediately we found there was a tail of light behind the fireball, which lengthened along with its movement. The ball was as big as a rice bowl (about 15cm at arm's length) in diameter and a golden red color, while the light beam (trail) was a cone shape, and at the broadest place about 50cm. The color of the tail was darker than that of the ball. After the fireball cut through a cloud, it seemed there were some little pieces split from the ball which also had long tails of light and flew in the same direction after the ball at a same speed. It lasted about 3 minutes from its emergence to disappearance."

26 August 1980, 20:48, Hangzhou Municipality

Shen Suwen, a student of the Third School of Hangzhou Municipality wrote that it was at 10:48 p.m. when he was washing his feet on the landing of the stair after he had finished his homework. The sky was clear with a bright moon and twinkling stars. When he finished washing and was ready to go back to his bedroom he saw a very bright object which was flying from north-east to south at an even speed. "The flying object was in a ball shape about the size of a rice-bowl which gave out bright orange rays and had a long tail. The tail consisted of two colors. The part near the body was white and transparent and the latter was a pink color. The length of the tail was two times that of the diameter of the ball, and the speed of this object was faster than a civil airliner but slower than a jet fighter. It shown brightly, but the light did not offend the eyes." Shen Suwen was sure this flying object was not a man-made satellite, nor the pilot lamp of a plane, nor a crashing plane. When it was obscured by a building, he looked at a clock. It was 10:50 p.m.

26 August 1980, 22:48, Hangzhou Municipality.



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Other reports briefly summarized by eyewitnesses to events in their personal letters to this editor are not quoted here because they are more extensively shown elsewhere in this book in their normal chronology. They are as follows:

26 August 1980, 20:50, Dinghai Island, Zhoushan Archip.

26 August 1980, 22:45, Yellow Sea, East of Lianyungang

The Dinghai Island report was a joint letter signed by five officers and soldiers of the PLA Unit garrisoned on the island. They said, "Later, we phoned Comrade Zhang Biti, who was on duty on the mountain. His account of this phenomenon was the same as ours, but he saw it a little bit longer, about two and a half minutes." This letter was posted on August 27 and Comrade Wang Kangxin, Political Instructor for this unit, had specially written the words "Proved to be true" for the sake of seriousness. The Yellow Sea report was described in a joint letter written by two sailors aboard their ship, the "SS Qinfen No. 25", which was posted on the ship the following day. Of this report, Editor Jin Tao concluded with this comment: "According to the analysis of the two sailors, they believed that it could not be a meteor or a comet. Though from its way of movement flying altitude and flaming tail, it could be explained away as a rocket, yet they ruled out this possibility too. Because the altitude of a long range rocket should be higher above the atmospheric layer while the orbit of a short range rocket must be like a parabola. Besides as the course taken by the ship was the sea route used by merchant ships, there should not be any military manoeuvre without notification in advance. They concluded that the only possibility was that it was a 'Flying Saucer'."

Referring only to the letter reports pertaining to 26 August, the editor continued: "However, from the five letters sent from different places in China, we can draw this conclusion: The 'Flying Saucer' witnessed on the night of August 26 was considerably large and the area of sighting, from the north at Yancheng, in northern Jiangsu Province and the Yellow Sea to the south at Tongkang in Zhejiang Province, was very large too. The sightings of a 'Flying Saucer' on 26 August afford much food for thought and deserve further study."

"Up to the time when I began to write this article, the latest reports about UFOs I read were of a sighting at 3 a.m. on October 5 over Dagang Oilfield near Tianjin and one at 5:35 p.m. on December 14 over Peking. This is unprecedented in the densely populated areas of Peking and Tianjin. These two UFO incidents were reported afterwards in the Tianjin Daily and the Peking Evening Paper respectively."

5 October 1980, 03:00, Dagang Oil Field, Tianjin

On 15 October, the Tianjin Daily featured an article entitled, Is It Possible That A 'Flying Saucer' Has Travelled Here? which was written by a correspondent specially sent to Dagang Oil Field after the editorial department of the newspaper recieved the letter written by five workers of the Metal Structure Plant under the Ministry of Petroleum. It was reported that on the night of October 4, these workers made use of the official holliday on that Saturday to catch shrimps by the seaside. At about 3 a.m. on the 5th, they suddenly spotted a flying object like a fireball in the sky. It flew quickly from west to southeast, and about ten seconds later it suddenly disappeared over the sea some 1,000 meters away from land. According to the account given by these witnesses, the flying object was more than one meter in diameter (apparent) and was of a cone shape with the sharp point in front. It was glowing red and was circled by two rings of light, the inner was blue with a tinge of green, while the outer was white. At that time the area turned so bright as if lit by an electric arc and the workers felt a scorching heat. The object flew faster than an ordinary plane and sent out a strange whizzing noise, but it did not sound like a plane or the wind.

14 December 1980, 17:35, Peking

At about 25 minutes to six in the afternoon on December 14, 1980, a UFO was seen due west in the sky over Peking. According to the description of the twenty or so witnesses who had watched it from different places its shape changed from time to time. It looked like a

disc one moment, a side view of a plate the next, and then a pancake. Its color varied from different reports. Some said it was white, others said it was yellow; some reported that it had red rays of light, others said it had yellowish-white rays of light. The speed was rather fast, as it roared up and then flew towards the northeast before vanishing from sight.

"To sum up the above mentioned UFO phenomena seen in China, readers can naturally conclude that there is no doubt that UFOs have visited China in 1980. But other questions may arise in the readers mind. What are UFOs after all? Are they spaceships sent from some superior planets as some foreign researchers advocate, or are they some kind of flying vessels? Among the witness reports I recieved, many people raised the same questions. There is no denying, indeed, some of the UFO sightings, including some quoted in this article, may turn out to be astronomical or atmospheric phenomenon; some perhaps are flying vessels, balloons launched by human beings, or the wreckages of man-made satellites, or other natural phenomena. Though here I can not ascertain which report can be refuted by the above reasoning, yet we can still assume that these possibilities exist. But on the other hand, we still have to accept this fact, which is beyond doubt: Quite a number of the phenomena can NOT be explained thus. They are no doubt the same UFO phenomena Which have been widely reported elsewhere in the world."

Other reports, not included in Mr. Jin Tao's summary follow resuming normal chronology.

#### **Early 1980, 16:30, Suzhou Silk Textile College**

At 16:30 hours one day in early 1980, at the sport-ground at the Suzhou Silk Textile College, observers Gu Zughuo and Li Gongqing, students at the college, saw a huge flying body, cylindrical in shape and of a metallic silver color. It flew noiselessly at a steady speed from west by north to east by south. The proportion of length to width was about 15 to 1. Two other bodies, also cylindrical but smaller, were attached to the main body on either side. The object was observed



for 7 to 8 minutes, but must have remained in sight for a longer time, probably 10 to 20 minutes, since it was not noticed until travelling directly overhead. The observers wrote a query to Purple Mountain Observatory, who replied two months later saying it could have been a balloon. However, the observers remain skeptical, as it differed from a balloon in size and shape and for its metal-like color and steady speed of flight.

24 March 1980, 06:34, Taiyuan Airfield, Shanxi Province

Yin Jianguo of the meteorological radar room of the Taiyuan Airfield, Shanxi Province, reported: "In the morning of March 24 of 1980, on my way to going on duty, I discovered a luminous object in the shape of a shuttle flying from south to north. I saw this object at the time when the sun had just risen (I purposely looked at my watch, the time was 34 minutes past six). There was a trace behind the object (not very evident), which explained that it had already flown a distance before I happened to notice it. Seen from afar, it was as big as a weaving shuttle. Its contour was quite clear; like a comet in the night. The front part was condensed, and the rear part was comparatively loose, owing probably to flying at high speed. It left a trace of vapor in the air. The whole object was of yellow color. I have been a pilot of airplanes for 7 years, and I knew that there was no accident with airplanes at that time. The altitude of the flying object was about 5,000 meters. There was no cloud in the sky."

That report was sent out by the eye-witness at noon of the same day, and he had accompanied it with a sketch showing the position. He was of the opinion that the object was probably a "Flying Pan", if the possibility of its being a meteor, a comet, a guided missile, or a falling man-made satellite could be excluded. Since he was an airfield technical officer with many years of flying experience, he should be a pretty good judge of what this object was not. Nobody was able to say what the object was either.

1 June 1980, 09:30, Beijing

At 09:30 a.m. on June 1, 1980, at Qijishezi, the northern suburb of Beijing, observers Zhao Baoren, Zhao Yan, Tianqing and others of the staff of the Electronics Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences, observed a spherical flying body 10 meters in diameter with a 1.5 meter tail hanging straight down from the bottom. It was moving horizontally against the wind from the southeast to northwest. Its speed was similar to that of an aircraft. It was noiseless. As proved later, no balloons had been flown at the time, except one sent up by Beijing Meteorological Station, which was white, while the UFO was a dark grey. Also they were in the air at different times.

7 June 1980, 08:30, Beijing

At half past eight in the morning of June 7, 1980, when Bao Yihong of the Coal and Charcoal Ministry was shooting a science and technology film, he suddenly saw in the southern sky a white unidentified flying object, like a plate standing on its edge, as it moved very slowly towards the east. It disappeared after an hour. When moving, the upper edge of the stood-up plate became wider. The Photographic Section had filmed this incident, but regrettably the negative was damaged in the process of washing it.

10 June 1980, Night, Wuhan, Hubei Province

On the night of Tuesday, 10 June, 1980, at a place near Changshan School in the eastern suburb of Wuhan, Wang Cilan, a Teacher at the above school, and an astronomy lover and member of a UFO society, saw an extremely bright "star". about the brightness of a 3rd to 4th magnitude star, in the clear sky that night. It was near the Milky Way. It moved slowly out of the Milky Way toward Vega in the constellation Lyra, stopped midway, turned a right angle, and moved east, crossing the Milky Way between Vega and Altair, then vanished. It had yellow light and was soundless. Seen 3 minutes.

22 June 1980, 19:02, People's Square, Shanghai

Dai Donghua, a Shanghai citizen, observed a bright luminous golden body flying in the eastern sky. It was three times the size of ordinary stars, and was giving off light like that of a car's yellow headlight. The light was steady. It moved from east to west. Five to six seconds later it began swinging like a parachuted tiny "lamp" from fireworks. A big dark shadow on top resembled a parachute but it did not descend. It just went out of sight in place.

22 June 1980, 22:00, Wuzhou, Guangxi Province

At 22:00 on 22 June 1980, at Wuzhou, Guangxi, Xia Shuangtui saw a luminous object in the eastern sky. It was giving off orange light at intervals and was dark red in the center. Its altitude was estimated at 3,000 meters. It flew noiselessly to the northwest and it disappeared 5 minutes later.

22 June 1980, 23:10, Kunming, Yunnan Province

Between 23:10 and 23:15 on the night of 22 June 1980, at Guli Commune in a western suburb of Kunming, Yunnan, observers Bi Hueilu, Director of the Commune Hospital, and the entire audience of an open-air cinema, watched a spherical flying object, as bright as Venus. It was yellowish-red in color and had an apparent diameter  $1/4$  of the full moon. It was flying from northeast to southwest at a speed slightly less than an aircraft, and was silent. It disappeared in 5 minutes.

1 July 1980, 09:30, North Beijing

The following report was published in the Beijing Evening News for July 16, 1980: "In the afternoon of July 1, when we were waiting for a bus at the Route 344 Bus Station in Qi Jia Huo Zi in the northern suburb (we were standing facing north), suddenly we saw in the sky to the left and in front of us a deep grey flying object.

We looked at the time. It was 30 minutes past nine. The object moved slowly and horizontally from southwest to northeast. It was basically ball-shaped, about the size of a straw-hat as we viewed it from the ground. Should it have come down on the ground; it would have a diameter of 10 meters. At its lower part, it had a perpendicular rod-like tail, about half as long as the diameter of the ball body. Its speed was the same as that of an airplane flying in a far distance when viewed from the ground. At first, we thought it was a balloon, but judging by its color, its manner of flying and course of flight, it did not appear like an ordinary meteorological balloon. There was a 2-3 grade northerly wind that forenoon, but the object was flying against the wind. The next morning we asked the Astronomical Observatory and the Atmospheric Physics Research Institute of our Academy, and the Central Meteorological Bureau, the Beijing Planetarium, the Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau and the Beijing Astronomical Observatory about this matter. The five organizations told us that they had not sent up a meteorological or atmospheric monitoring balloon yet on that day. Only the Beijing Astronomical Observatory sent up a balloon daily, but that was white and the time was later in the day, after we had seen the flying object." Liu Baoren, Tian Qing and Zhao Yanyan signed that report.

2 July 1980, 21:40, Kunming, Yunnan Province

At 21:40 to 21:45 on July 3, 1980, at Guli Commune, in the western suburb of Kunming, Li Yichun, manager of the commune's coop, saw an oblong flying object in the sky. It was dark red in color and emitting a white light as it flew noiselessly from northeast to southwest at medium speed. It was in sight for 5 minutes.

14 July 1980, 23:00, Da County, Sichuan Province

Zheng Yonghe, a student, and a few of his school friends, watched a spherical creamy color flying object four times the size of ordinary stars. It flew, rotating from east to west. Smoke emitted from its rear formed spiraling circles which grew bigger and surrounded the

parent body. It vanished in the western sky about three minutes later.

21 July 1980, 21:40, Baotou, Inner Mongolia

At 21:40 on July 21, 1980, at Batou, Yang Peiming, Fan Guilian, and a number of students of class 3783 of Baotou Mechanic Industry School, watched a big ball of fire in the air straight overhead. It was quite near to the ground, was spherical in shape and was giving off white light and some red light. It flew swiftly northward. It shrank in size and emitted more red as it went farther away. It was not so dazzling as to hurt the eyes. No sound was heard. It disappeared in 50 seconds. The two friends prepared a written report the very next day. The particulars were therefore more detailed and more reliable. Owing to the suffocating hotness of the July weather, the two schoolmates were reviewing their lessons under an elm tree in the school garden. The sky was clear and full of stars. The moon was high in the sky. At about 40 minutes past nine to 10 minutes past ten, the surroundings suddenly became white and the whole sky was lighted up. "I lifted my head and saw immediately above, (very near the ground) a big round ball of fire with a diameter of about 15 inches (apparent). It flew rapidly over my head toward the northwest. The ball had red and white light, mostly white. As it flew the ball became gradually smaller. The red light increased and became clearer. The path it had flown became an exquisite ribbon of light. It was not so dazzling as the sun." The two science-loving students sent their report to the magazine Science and Life in Tianjin..

22 July 1980, 04:00, Yushan Township, Kunshu County, Jiangsu Province

At 4 a.m. on 22 July 1980, at Yushen Township, Qien Jinyuan, a student at Nanjing Chemical Engineering School, Joangsu, saw a strange cloud in the northern sky on a cloudless night. A structured object emerged from the cloud blinking light on and off. It was surrounded

by a ring of light. It remained in sight a dozen minutes or so and then disappeared. The cloud vanished simultaneously and the sky was clear again.

23 July 1980, 07:05, Nanking

At 07:05 a.m. on July 23, 1980, several middle school pupils at 8 Yanjiajing, Nanking, saw a structured object in the sky flying from the east westward. It was triangular in shape, gave off a blue light around its body, and flew without a sound. It disappeared very soon in the distant sky. The students claimed that they had never seen anything like it before.

24 July 1980, 18:10, Nanking

Residents at 39 Wufu Road, Nanking saw a curious flying object going from east to west in the evening sky. It had a bright spot in the center with a belt-like trail below it. It ascended higher and higher toward the west, disappearing 20 minutes later. At first the people thought it to be a balloon, but dismissed this because no balloon ever looked or behaved like this.

24 July 1980, 23:00, Nanking

At 23:00 that same night, an old man and his wife living at 80 Xianyuxiang saw a curious flying object in the night sky. It was the size of a cake (apparent), and giving out a blue light in the front and many bright streaks of fire from the rear. It was travelling from south to north at middle speed. It could not have been a meteor, judged the old man, for its size precluded such a possibility, nor could it have been an aircraft for it was completely silent.

25 July 1980, 15:00, Chinese Air Force

At 15:00 on July 25th 1980, at the garrison area of squad 53, Troop Unit 86003, of Cadet Class 2 of



23 July 1980, 07:05, Nanking, Zhe Jiang Province.

No. 1 Navigation Party School, Chinese Airforce, Cadet Squad Leader Gan Ming and all the servicemen of the whole squad observed an unidentified flying object overhead in the afternoon sky. The object was first sighted by the squad leader and then by the entire formation of men. A similar spectacle was observed at 21:00 on the previous night over the same installation.

July 1980, 20:00, Guangzhou Municipality

A joint letter from He Minqi, He Bingyong, Chen Zaoyong and Hu Haiyan of New No. 2, Qing Quan Street, North Liberation Road, Guangzhou Municipality said: "At about 8 o'clock in the evening of a day in the middle 10 days of July 1980, He Minqi, a worker in the Municipal Literary Creation Office was washing bowls in the kitchen on the 5th floor. Suddenly he heard Hu Hingyong, who was cooling himself on the balcony, cry out in astonishment: 'He Minqi, come out quick and see what it is!' He Minqi went out and saw at once in the night sky, an object like a fireball giving out red light from the center and orange-yellow rays from its periphery. It was rising in the sky to the southwest, and was moving slowly towards the north. The object was ball-shaped and appeared to be as big as the top edge of the bowl (size apparent). It was about 1,000 meters above the ground. No noise was heard from it. It disappeared after more than a minute."

5 August 1980, Evening, Beijing

Huang Zheng and many other persons in Beijing discovered, in the sky above the North Taiping Zhang, Waitian District of Beijing, an unidentified flying object shaped like an inverted bowl. It was giving out a red light and moving towards the northwest. The inner surface of the "bowl" was like a white-hot iron. There was a blue luminous rod hanging down from the center. It moved slowly at first, hovered, then flew away to the north, disappearing in 5 seconds.





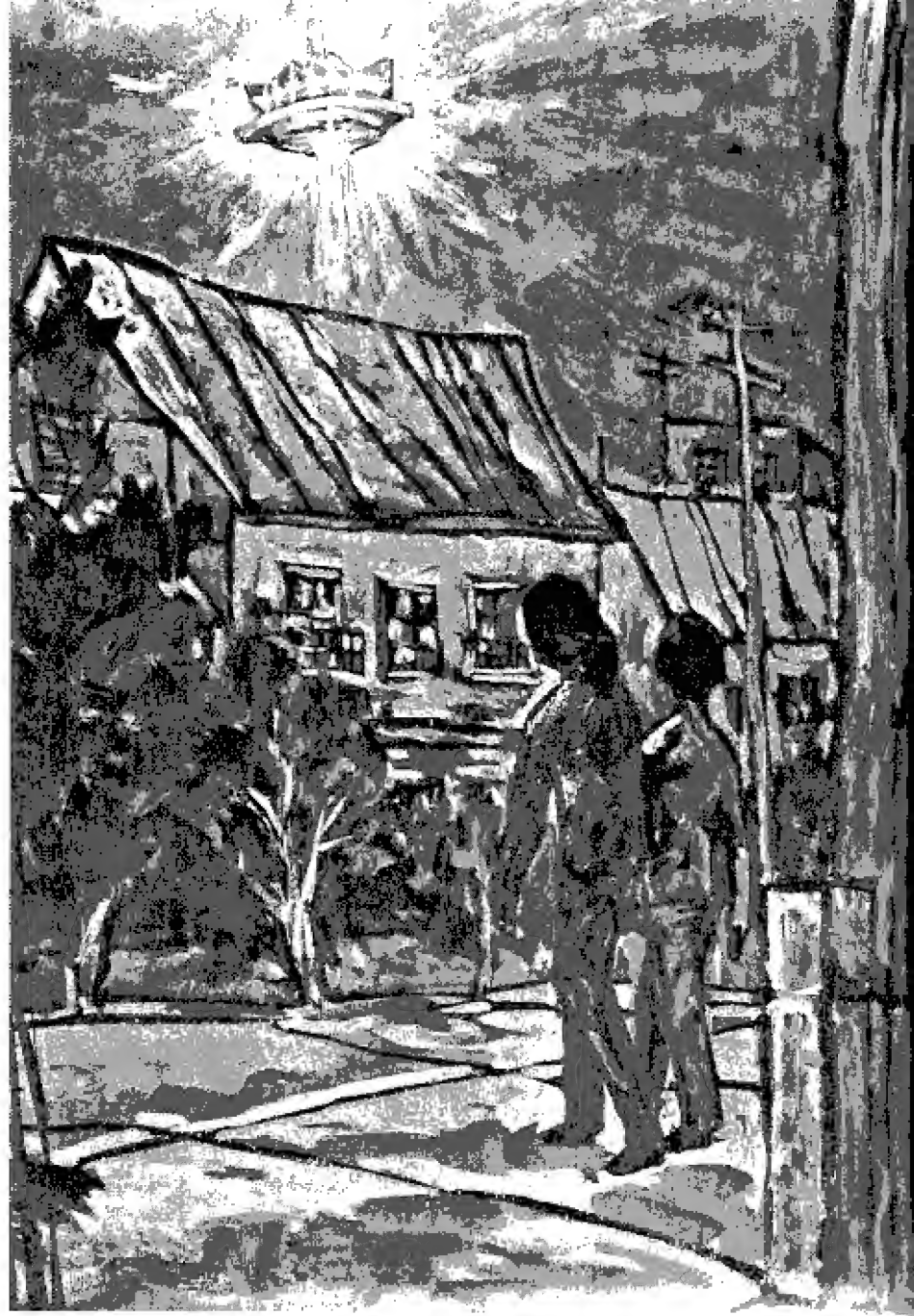
1 June 1980, 09:30, Qijiahezi, No. Suburb, Beijing.

5 August 1980, 21:30, Kunming, Yunnan Province

At 21:30 on August 5, 1980, in Kunming at a place near the round-city highway, near the workers' new residential district, Xiao Tian, a senior middle school graduate observed a curious flying body for two minutes. Xiao, living at 2 Yanlingxiang, Kunming, and another girl, Xiao's school friend, watched a strange flying object with a round bottom, surrounded by a ring of tiny lanterns. It had a rapidly flashing bright spot in the center that was blinking at half-second intervals. Its brightness was about that of a third magnitude star. It was at an altitude of more than 1,000 meters. Its shape resembled a monk's cap in Pilgrimage to the west. It appeared in the southeast and travelled noiselessly at a steady speed along a straight course. It flew overhead, then disappeared in the northwest. Its speed was estimated at 70 kilometers per minute. No rotation was observed.

6 August 1980, 05:35, Zongqing

Zhou Diming of the Third Workshop, Zongqing Steel Factory, and others, observed a luminous spherical body flying in the early morning sky above the Jialing River. At about 35 minutes past five, in the early morning, the weather was fine with only a few little white puffy clouds. As the day was hot and suffocating, Jiang Weiping and three other young workers were cooling themselves on a pile of water pipes in the neighborhood of the ice yard of our factory on the bank of the Jialing River at the foot of Kele Mountain. Jiang was the first to discover a round luminous body flying towards him from the northern sky. He at once told the 3 other companions to look at the object. They all shouted loudly in astonishment, and clearly saw a strange object, red at the center with edges in blue and green light, and giving out showers of white light. It was only as big as an ordinary plate at first, but later it became bigger and had a diameter (apparent) of about 3 meters (the red center grew bigger correspondingly); and then it spurted a vivid gas downward. After about 30 seconds it disappeared in the sky above the river.



5 August 1980, 21:30, Kunming, Yunnan Province.

6 August 1980, 21:45, Beijing

At 45 minutes past nine in the night of August 6, 1980, Zhang Chunhua, of the Third Mechanical Industries Ministry, and his whole family in Beijing, saw a pink elliptical fireball fly from south to north for about 20 to 30 seconds.

6 August 1980, 18:30, Kunming, Yunnan Province

At 06:30 on August 6, 1980, at Guli Commune, a western suburb of Kunming, Li Yichun, manager of the commune's poultry farm, saw a round flying object in the northern sky. It was as bright as the moon beside it (it being the 26th day of the lunar month). Its size was  $\frac{2}{3}$  that of the moon visible at the same time. It had an oblong shape, and was discharging dark red and white beams of light. It travelled noiselessly southward in a direction perpendicular to its length. It appeared to be about half as fast as an ordinary aircraft. It disappeared above the clouds by 06:24.

13 August 1980, 20:15, Dongsheng, Shaanxi Province

Comrades Wu Dengshan and Deng Xudong of the Dongsheng Equipment Factory of Shaanxi, reported by letter, their UFO sighting at about eight fifteen in the night of August 13th, of a fireball with a diameter of more than 20 centimeters (apparent) hanging in the western mid-sky. According to their brief narrative, this ball of fire was like a bright red lamp, diffusing thin red light all around, and moving slowly towards the west. Its distance from the witnesses was about 1,500 meters. They were of the opinion that this fireball was positively not an airplane, a balloon or an evening cloud. Moreover, the electricity supply in this district failed at that time and all lights went out. The sky was full of black clouds and the object flew below them.



6 August 1980, Guli Commune, Kunming, Yunnan Province.

15 August 1980, 21:39, Huailai County, Hebei Province

At 21:39 on August 15, 1980, in Huailai County, Shang Shengyun, an electrician at the Huailai County Cinema, and leader of the local chapter of a UFO Investigation Society, saw a round luminous object flying from the west at an elevation angle of 35 degrees. It grew in size as it came nearer, halted abruptly, then turned back toward where it first appeared. It was a yellow in the center and red at its edges. The Center was brighter than the edges. Its contour was not clear. The moon was visible in the west at the time. The rare object diminished and vanished 2 minutes later.

Mid-August 1980, 19:00, Shinian City, Hubei Province

Hong Jintian, an astronomy lover, watched an unusual flying object that looked like a spiraling nebula in the dark sky. There was no visible core. It was surrounded by bright spots of light. It had an apparent diameter of 5 degrees of arc, with a 30 degree elevation above the horizon. It disappeared behind mountains 30 minutes later.

Xia Shuangshui of the Chinese UFO Research Association wrote: "From June 23 to August 18 1980, I three times observed with my own eyes, the movements of unidentified flying objects in the skies above Wuzhou Municipality. Up to the present, I still cannot affirm what they really were."

22 June 1980, 22:00, Wuzhou Municipality, Shaanxi

The first was at about 10 o'clock in the night of 22 June while I was waiting for a train to return to the factory in the railway station on the east side of the Wuxhou Bridge. Having nothing to do, I consciously or unconsciously lifted up my head and looked at the starry sky. The sky was fine and clear that night. There were innumerable twinkling stars. Suddenly I saw a round luminous object with a diameter (apparent) of about 90mm coming from east to northwest slowly toward me. It at once attracted my attention. I observed it

for 4 or 5 minutes until it was completely obscured by the high mountain to the west of the river. Its speed and track were both quite regular. It was noiseless and had no peculiar flying movement. It emitted flashes of orange-red light. The part of the sky near its edge was also orange-red in color (corona?). The further from the center, the dimmer the color became. The color of its center was a deep red, like the spot on the national flag of Japan.

12 August 1980, 21:30, Wuzhou Municipality, Shaanxi

The second time was in the night of August 12th. I was chatting with a friend on the roof of the Wuzhou Municipality Bureau of Foodstuffs Building. At 24 minutes past nine, I discovered in the sky directly before me a luminous object which was moving noiselessly. I looked at it carefully, and found that it was nearly the same as the object I had seen in the night of June 22nd. The strange thing was, after 20 minutes, another object flew towards us on the same track at the same altitude and with the same speed. The people surrounding us said that it was possibly an airplane. But it is a rule that airplanes navigating in the night must carry lighted lamps of red, yellow and green, otherwise they are forbidden to fly, while this round luminous object had only a red light and no yellow or green. The sky was clear and visibility was excellent. Others said it was a satellite. But satellites do not emit light by themselves, and do not fly at so low an altitude. Moreover they would not come so closely one following another. Still others considered it a high sky investigating balloon sent up by the meteorological station. I put the question to the Municipal Meteorological Station, and was told that the Station sends up a balloon at 6 to 7 o'clock every night, but when these balloons reach high altitude, they fly very unsteadily owing to the effect of atmospheric currents, and do not hold altitude along a fixed course.

18 August 1980, 21:40, Wuzhou Municipality, Shaanxi

The third time was in the night of August 18, 1980. The weather was very bad that day. The sky was covered by black clouds. It was raining continuously. The visibility was very limited. At 40 minutes past nine, I saw the object again, when I was in a teahouse on the riverbank in the neighborhood of the District Bureau of Foodstuffs. Its altitude was about 2,000 meters. Its diameter was about 11 centimeters (apparent), and it flew from east towards the northwest. Although it did not change its orbit, its altitude and speed were constantly varying. Sometimes it stopped in mid-flight as if to avoid a dark cloud. Apart from giving out red rays, it sometimes also shot out white rays of light. These could be seen very clearly in the dark cloudy sky. But it did not send forth red and white rays at the same time. I observed it for less than 3 minutes. But when I was discussing it with the people beside me, and when I was still gazing at it, it disappeared in an instant and was no more to be seen. Only the dark clouds filled up the whole sky.

Xia Shuangshui said, "My three times observation of UFOs revealed the following characteristics:

1. Their outside appearance was round. They gave out red light and sometimes a white light. They all flew east towards northwest. Their altitude and speed were constant, and they had no peculiar flying movement.
2. The time of discovery was always between 9 and 10 o'clock in the evening.
3. No noise was made in their flight.

Wuzhou Municipality has no airfield. Airplanes are very rarely seen in the daytime, not to speak of night. Although the Guangzhou - Nanning Airline planes pass through the Wuzhou District on their way, they, according to regulations, are not allowed to fly over a city; they must go around it. The flying objects observed there three times all flew from east towards the northwest across the sky above Wuzhou Municipality. Moreover, I have never heard that civil airliners would only fly at night. As a matter of fact, this airline is cautious



because the Wuzhou District is full of mountains, and the weather is very unpredictable. Airplanes not fully equipped with all navigational capability will not very lightly fly over this section of country any time. To fly over it in the night is still more dangerous. If the flying objects I have seen are airplanes, then why is it that they always fly over the Wuzhou Municipality? On the nights of 20, 21 and 22 August, I went to the same place of the sightings to wait for the appearance of the unidentified flying objects. The weather conditions on these nights were excellent, but no UFOs appeared. I can not yet say definitely whether or not what I have seen are "Flying Pans", but I can say that under certain conditions, it may be possible for some strange phenomena to appear in the sky. To find out what they really are is the duty of every one of us."

/s/ Xia Shuangshui

24 August 1980, 04:08, Beijing

At 04:08 on 24 August 1980 at Gouys, in Changping County, northern suburb of Beijing, Xin Sheng, Bi Jiang and another student of Beijing Mining College, saw a luminous flying object in the eastern sky. It looked like part of a crescent moon, and also resembled a halo or corona. It floated noiselessly to and fro in the sky. Observers took a picture of it with cameras, but the result was not clear due to the movement of the object. The UFO disappeared in 40 minutes. The film was developed by Beijing Wenbao.

26 August 1980, 22:00, Putian County, Fujian Province

Mao Fucheng, on the technical staff of the Fujian Light Industry Research Institute, and 4 cadres of the Putian county offices, saw a yellow-white ellipsoid luminous body, bright with no outward radiation, in the sky above the city. It was positioned at a 5 degree elevation angle about 5 kilometers from the observers. It moved forward through the clouds with an undulating motion, leaving a trail behind it. It moved from north-

east to south. The sighting lasted 2 to 3 minutes and then it disappeared behind some buildings.

26 August 1980, 22:40, Taihu County, Anhui Province

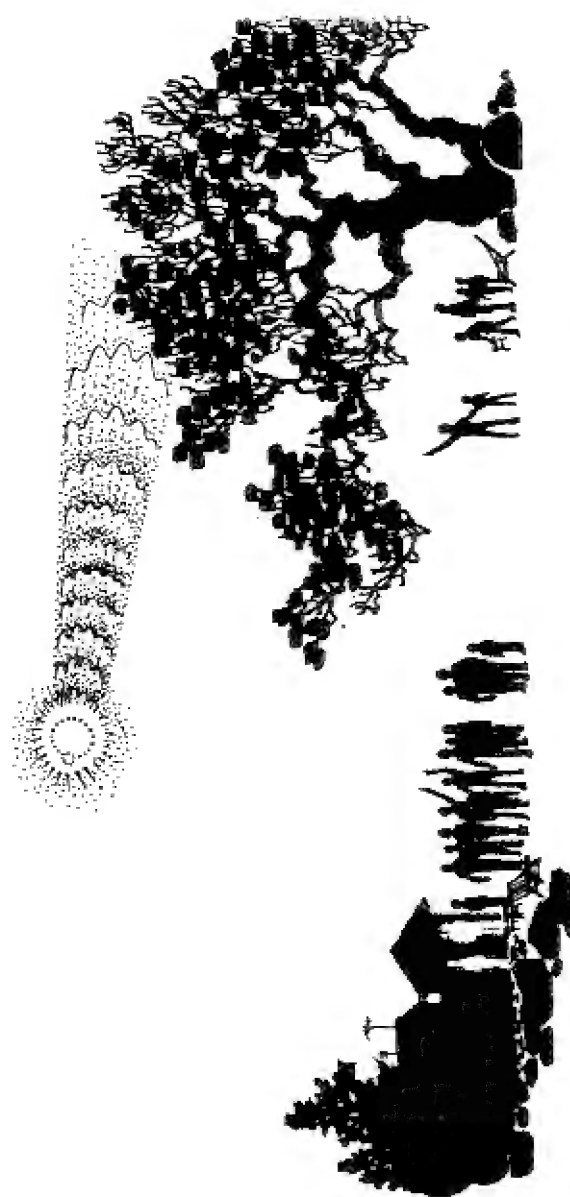
At Huayuan Commune, Taihu County, Ren Tianming on the technical staff of the Taihu County Meteorological Bureau, and some 20 others, watched a cylindrical UFO, reddish-purple in color and with a 3:1 ratio of length to thickness. Its altitude was estimated at 2,500 meters above the ground. It emitted fire from both ends, as it cast a red light on the ground. It flew southeastward from the northwest at an elevation angle of 30 degrees. It vanished in the distance.

26 August 1980, 22:50, Tongling, Anhui Province

At 22:50 on 26 August 1980, in Tongling, Anhui, Gong Yuanlong, a local citizen, saw a golden colored UFO of oblong shape, discharging sparks from its rear end as it flew at high altitude in the sky above. It moved at a steady speed along a straight horizontal path making a 5 degree upward climb. Its brightness was like the moon. It had sharp clearly defined edges and made no sound. It seemed to be about 1,000 meters above the mountain peak, and some 10 kilometers from the observer. No disturbance was noticed on a home-made magnetometer. A sketch was drawn by the observer.

26 August 1980, 22:40 to 23:00, Yuyao County, Zhejiang

Wang Huanan and many other workers of the Qianjin Plastic Works, Lanhai, Yuyao County, observed a very bright star-like luminous body that was followed by a file of spherical bodies like volleyballs, also very bright. A spray of lightbeams issued from the rear and spread out like a bell. The color was bright at the head and dimmed away toward the rear. Its tail was like a mass of white cloud with small sparks on either side. It moved from north to south very slowly, no faster than a bicycle. It flew at an altitude like any ordinary



26 August 1980, 22:50, Dinghai Island, Zhoushan  
Archipelgo, Zhejiang Province.

aircraft. It disappeared in the distance by 23:00. The duration of the sighting was 20 minutes.

26 August 1980, 22:45 to 22:50, Chen Village, Jing County, Anhui Province

On 26 August 1980, from 22:45 to 22:50, at a construction site in Chen Village, Jing County, southern Anhui Province, location of the 2nd Company of Jing County Headquarters of Engineer Units, Li Ruijun and Pan Xirong, PLA servicemen on sentry duty, and two dependents at the Army Men's Visiting Barracks, together with two other people, saw a Streamlined fireball with a round head. The length of the tail it trailed was some 10 times the diameter of the head. The head was red as fire, brighter on the top and fainter on the bottom. The object was only several dozen meters above the ground. Its speed was slower than a passenger plane, and it was moving without a sound from northwest to southeast in the direction of a hill on the left bank of the Qingge River. It flew overhead horizontally, but climbed upward parallel to the slope when reaching the foot of the hill, casting a red light on the hilltop as it passed.

August 26th was a busy night for UFO activity all over China. Witnesses were so impressed with their own observations that they felt compelled to report what they saw to authorities. They wrote government agencies, observatories and meteorological stations, and they wrote friends, magazines and newspapers. In addition to the several reports for this date reported by Mr. Jin Tao, editor of the Guanming Daily in Beijing, already quoted earlier in this book, a number of letters were recieved by the new Chinese UFO Research Organization (CURO). Four different reports were recieved by CURO for this date alone, and the localities were widely distributed across the country. There was no possibility of direct collusion. Some reports, such as the one above, could be explained as no known phenomena. In some cases separate reports by different observers of the same phenomena were sent to different authorities. We have quoted only one of most such multiple reports in this work. Four such reports and one for 16 July, recieved by CURO follow.

26 August 1980, 22:45, Zhushan Commune, Yongkang County  
Zhejiang Province

Wang Dasan of the Xiayuan Middle School of Zhushan Commune, Yongkang County, discovered an unidentified flying object at 45 minutes past ten. He said in his letter: "At 45 minutes past ten in the night of August 26, on our way back home after having seen a TV program, we suddenly discovered in the northern sky, a fireball which flew rapidly toward the south. Soon we noticed that the fireball trailed a light tail, which gradually became longer. The ball was about as big as the opening of a rice-bowl, about 15 centimeters (apparent). It was a light golden-red in color. The light beam at the tail was about 2 meters long (apparent) in comparison with the head, narrow at the beginning and gradually growing wider. The widest part was about 50 centimeters across (apparent). The color of this tail was deeper than that of the ball. Several smaller lights separated from the larger one and flew along separately. They were also followed by long light beams, and flew behind the ball in the same direction and with the same speed. The whole course of the sighting lasted 3 minutes from discovery to disappearance."

26 August 1980, 22:45, Yancheng, Jiangsu Province

Shao Chengjun, Shi Xiangguan, Cheng Jiejie and Cui Xiaoqing, four workers of the Yancheng Hygien School in Jiangsu Province sent CURO a joint letter saying: "In the night of August 26th, we were chatting outdoors. At about 45 minutes past ten o'clock, we suddenly saw in the sky a dazzling luminous body about 20 centimeters (apparent size) in diameter, trailing a luminous tail more than a meter long. It flew from northeast to southwest. At first we thought it was a meteor. But later we discovered that its speed was comparatively slow, only about the same as that of an ordinary supersonic airliner. At the same time, the luminous body and its long tail remained unchanged. We followed and observed the object for more than a minute until our view was blocked by a two-story building. We had not heard any noise here." The letter stated that the weather that

night was fine and the sky clear. The moon was shining brightly.

26 August 1980, 22:45, Yellow Sea, East of Lianyun Gang,

On the night of 26 August 1980, the Chinese steamship Qin Fen No. 25 was sailing on the Yellow Sea east of Lianyun Gang (port) of Jiangsu Province. Sailors Wang Zhong and Guan Fuquan, who were on duty on the steering bridge, observed a spectacular unidentified flying object in the night sky. According to their letter it was 45 minutes past ten o'clock when they saw the brightly luminous body moving above. The position of the steamship was 34 degrees 10 minutes north latitude by 122 degrees 37 minutes east longitude. The steamer was sailing at a speed of 12.5 knots toward the south. The cloud cover was 3/10, mostly low level clouds. The moon was shining through the clouds. Wang Zhong was the first to spot the bright light flying over the rear part of the right bow. It trailed a long tail of light. Its altitude was estimated at 5,000 meters, and its speed about the same as a large passenger airliner. It flew in a direction parallel to that of the steamship, from north to south, and with a uniform speed along a straight line. No noise was heard from it. Wang Zhong at once told Guan Fuquan to observe it with a telescope. They reported the following observation: "The front part of the flying object was a bright spot, the brightness was greater than Venus. Its shape was a ball of light several times greater than Venus. Its color was white and green. It trailed a long thin tail of orange color. When viewed through the 50X7 telescope, fiery flames like a rocket exhaust could be seen. Smoke appeared to be roiling in the trail. The object took about 2 to 3 minutes to pass. When it flew off the right front part of the ship, its angle of elevation above the horizon was about 20 degrees. The flames suddenly became weaker and the object disappeared all at once. They did not see the object fall into the water. It simply disappeared in an instant before their eyes, and no sound of explosion was heard. A sketch was made by the observer using the telescope.



26 August 1980, 22:45, From SS Qinfen No. 25 on the Yellow Sea east of Jiangu.



26 August 1980, 22:45, Yellow Sea  
From SS Qinfem No. 25

26 August 1980, 22:50, Dinghai Island, Zhejiang

Xue Shicai, Gao Zhenyou, LiJinfa, Xia Dazhong and Fu Zhigao, all Officers and soldiers of the 8th Brigade of a certain PLA Unit stationed on Dinghai Island of Zhoushan Archipelago in the eastern part of Zhejiang Province sent in a joint report titled, "We Eye-witnessed a 'Flying Pan!'" Their report stated, "At about 50 minutes past 10 o'clock in the night of August 26, we in our barracks district suddenly discovered, in the sky above Dagang Mountain of Dinghai Island, an 'unidentified flying object'. It was a big fireball in the centre and was surrounded by many small balls of fire, and was trailing a long fire tongue behind it. It flew from the north to south towards us at very quick speed, and at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters. It gave out a dazzling fiery light. Owing to the weather at this ocean island, our line of vision was blocked by clouds and mist one minute afterwards. Then we immediately asked Comrade Chang Biti, who was on sentry duty on the mountain. He replied that the particulars of what he had seen were entirely the same, except his time of observation was a little longer, about two and a half minutes."

These reports all bear some characteristics of a large slow moving meteor or a falling earth satellite, but the time of observation by several parties, 2 to 3





26 August 1980, 22:50, Dinghai Island, Zhoushan Archipelago, Zhejiang Province.

minutes. Its observed size in most of the reports was very large for a meteor, and then there was the group of observers at Chen Village who agreed that they had seen the object they witnessed 'ascend' the slope of a hill on the left bank of the Qingge River. These characteristics in this scale are unusual for meteors. The wide range of its observation, from Yancheng in north Jiangsu Province and the Yellow Sea, to the south in Zhejiang Province was quite a spread and would tend more to support the meteor hypothesis, especially since several of the witness groups reported that its altitude was quite high.

The following report furnished by CURO was remarkably similar in many respects and even occurred almost the same time of night, but this one this time, though just as spectacular... locally, seems to have been seen in only this one locality in this part of China.

26 August 1980. 22:48, Hangzhou Municipality

Shen Suwen, a student of the Hangzhou Municipal Third Middle School wrote that he had seen an unusual flying object. In his letter he said that one night when he had finished his school assignment at home, he went to the balcony outside the top of the staircase to relax from studying. It was 48 minutes past ten. The day was the 16th day of 7th lunar month. The night sky was deep blue and the moon was shining brightly with many twinkling stars visible. As he was about to return to his bedroom, he looked up and saw a very bright airbourn object flying away steadily from northeast towards the south. "This object was of the shape of a dumpling, as big as an ordinary bowl. It gave out a very bright light colored orange-yellow like an ignited match stick. It left a luminous trail behind it which had two colors. The part connected to the dumpling-like flying object was white and transparent. The other part was pink. The length of the tail was twice that of the flying object. The speed was quicker than a civil airliner but slower than a jet fighter plane. The light was bright but not dazzling." Shen Suwen affirmed that this flying object was not a satellite nor an airplane. When it was obscured by the house roof, he looked at the clock. It was just 50 minutes past ten.

The reports continued to pour in from all over the country, and in answer to readers' inquiries, "Wenhu Bao", "Shanghai Science and Technology News" and "Fujian Ribao", printed analytical comments respectively by G. Yongquan of the Planet Research Section, Purple Mountain Observatory, and by the Planning Department of Shanghai Observatory. The statement released said: "At 22:45 on August 26th, a fireball appeared over northern Jiangsu about the size of a football (apparent). It dragged a long red tail behind and flew from north southward. When reaching Fujian a major fission took place in which it split into a train of bolides, or fireballs, the few in precedence bigger than the rest, while smaller ones behind clustered together. They were orange colored, very bright and clearly visible. One bolide flew over 1,000 kilometers at an altitude estimated to exceed 60 kilometers. It must have weighed over a ton. It moved roughly parallel to the ground. The flight continued for two minutes. The object probably burned up over the Taiwan Strait."

A large scale investigation was launched by CURC whose Wuhan branch dispatched a few dozen inquiries and recieved 34 sighting reports in reply. Most reports disagree in content but controversy remained over points of detail as follows:

1. Shape: 23 reports described the object as a fireball with a bright tail or group of fireballs; 4 as saucer-shaped; 3 as long cylindrical bodies; and 2 as triangular bodies.

2. Direction of Flight: One said north to south; 2 northeast to south; 4 northeast to southwest; 2 northwest to southeast; 1 each southwest to southeast, northwest to southeast, and west to east; 2 east to northwest; 1 north to east. Another report described the path as curved from southwest to east then to southeast.

3. Manner of Flight: One report said the object moved along in an undulating up-and-down path; another stated it first went horizontally, then climbed up to avoid mountain ridges; the rest were unanimous in describing the flight as horizontal and of steady speed.

4. Time of Occurrence: 27 reported 22:45 to 22:50; one each reported 19:10, 20:50, 21:51, 22:00, 22:20, and

22:53. Considering errors in time marking not likely to be as much as three hours, it is possible that more than one object had appeared.

5. Duration of Sighting: 14 reported shorter than two minutes; 4 said 2 1/2 minutes; 4 three minutes; one each four and ten minutes. Unexpected phenomena at night is likely to seem to last longer than in actuality, but some reports claimed time of sighting checked with a timepiece. Attention should also be called to the extremely slow speed of flight.

This points up a singular problem in uninstrumented UFO reports wherever the objects are seen. There is a very wide range in observer perception which cannot be discounted, and in this case either indicates such disparity in observation or the presence in fact of more than one object. Here is another report that mentions a different feature.

26 August 1980, 22:50, Tongling City, Anhui Province

Yang Zhonglie, team leader of a magnetic ore dressing shop at the Tongguanshan Copper Mine, Tongling, and two other workers saw an oblong flying object with a head like a missile. It had a rather bright broom-like red-hot trail from a nozzle in the rear that swung up and down like a goldfish's tail. Its altitude was less than 1,000 meters and the distance from the observer was about one kilometer. It was sighted for about 3 minutes.

Liu Jihua, a bus driver, reported an oblong luminous flying object at an altitude like an ordinary airplane. It was looking rather like a ball of cotton set on fire. It jetted red flames from the rear, which swung like a goldfish's tail. Its distance was only a few hundred meters from the observer. The size was like a bus. It disappeared behind some mountains two minutes later. This was observed by many passengers on the bus.

Another party saw two flying objects one hour later on the same night. There was even a second witness party unknown to the first, who also reported a sighting at the 23:00 time that night. These two localities are in the same county.

26 August 1980, 23:40, Xinjian County, Jiangxi Province

Cheng Dianyi, 39, a worker at the Changling township Waterworks, Xinjian County, and two others reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the sky over Wangcheng Commune in Xinjian County. It was described as saucer-like, with a pointed head and a broad tail of light. It was flying from northeast to southwest. The object remained in view for 10 minutes, from 23:30 to 23:40. The object was estimated at 1,000 meters altitude in a clear sky. A sketch showing relative size to the water tower was made by the witness.

26 August 1980, 23:40, Xinjian County, Jiangxi Province

At about 23:00, Hu Yuhua and Luo Yongting, both adult musicians of the Caicha Theatrical Troupe Xinjiang County, saw two luminous flying bodies in the northwestern sky at about 25 degrees elevation above the horizon. The preceeding object was less bright and shaped like a stuffed bun. The rear one was also bun-shaped and of a golden color, and made up of numerous blinking lights. They moved without a sound along a horizontal path from northeast to southwest. Their speed was like that of an ordinary tractor. The elevation remained steady at 20 to 30 degrees. Two to three minutes later the objects vanished behind some trees and buildings. The UFOs were estimated to be 1,000 meters away.

August 1980, 17:00, Jinan, Shandong Province

At 17:00 p.m. one day in August 1980, at Jinan in Shandong Province, Lu Hue, of No. 1 Plastic Factory Jinan, saw about a dozen glistening spots of light in the sky. They were not uniform in movement; some moving west, some standing still, some revolving around one another. Other observers claimed having seen 14 to 15 Objects. Aided by 2x binoculars, Lu could not distinguish the head from the tail, only finding red and green rays around each object. The flying bodies disappeared at 19:45. The formation moved only 5 meters (or arc) during the observation. They were of different brightness.

6 September 1980, 19:40, Beijing

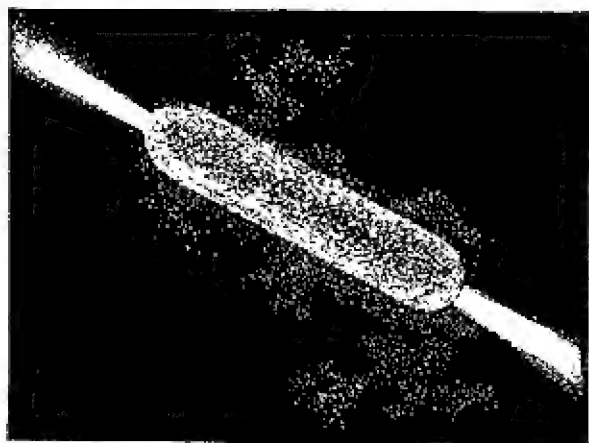
At about 40 minutes past seven in the night of September 6, 1980, student Xu Zhihui of Beijing and his father saw an unidentified flying object moving from the north to south over the city. The upper part of this object emitted a red light. The lower part, shaped like the bottom of a round plate gave out a yellow. When the red light appeared the yellow light became invisible, and when the yellow light appeared the red light was gone. The lights kept alternating.

8 September 1980, 20:40, Beijing

At 40 minutes past eight in the night of September 8, 1980, Qi Weiming of Beijing, and a neighbor of his discovered a brightly luminous unidentified object flying in the night sky. It had three brighter rings of light inside. It hung motionless in the sky for about 2 seconds and then it disappeared.

9 September 1980, 21:40, Hunan Province

Luo Xuezhi, Secretary of the Political Department of the Hunan Diesel Engine Factory, reported, "On September 9, the weather was very fine. There was no cloud in the vast expanse of the sky. Our factory was showing a colored art film "Three Little Red Flowers" in our own open-air cinema theater. At 40 minutes past nine, we saw an elliptical flying object about 1,500 meters above the ground to the west of our factory. Its front part was an orange-red color. Its middle and rear parts were lighter and reddish-yellow. It gave out strong reddish-yellow rays and trailed a light tail as it flew from the north to south and slightly towards the west. All the cinema audience turned their heads to look at this strange phenomenon. As there was a big assembly hall on the two sides behind the cinema, our view was blocked and we had only 3 minutes' time to observe the flying object from discovery to its disappearance beyond our field of vision. I used a 2.5 power telescope to observe the object in flight. Because of the brilliance of the



9 September 1980, 21:40 Chengdu  
As seen through binoculars

elliptical body its outlines were not very clear. Its manner of flying was much like that of a meteor, but meteors flash across the sky and disappear, whereas the speed on this object was much slower. It was nearly the speed of a jet airliner flying at an altitude of 10,000 meters, and appeared to us like a silvery cross. Meteors generally give out white light, but this object was a luminous reddish-yellow. Meteors falling to earth have a definite arc of orbit, while this object flew parallel to the surface of the planet until it disappeared in the far distance. Regrettably I had no camera with me, else it would have been possible to obtain some good photos. After the incident, I questioned other eye-witnesses who were not present at the cinema show. They also had not heard any noise from the object. I am an aviation lover and have frequently seen aircraft of many kinds. I often observe them with telescopes. According to my accumulated knowledge, I can affirm that this elliptical flying object was not an airplane nor the reflection of a searchlight. It more nearly agrees with the reports of certain 'Flying Pans' published recently in the press." An enlarged sketch of the observed phenomenon was made available with the report.

As though to reinforce the contention that these strange flying objects were not meteors, a report now came in involving hundreds of witnesses who observed a similar luminous flying phenomenon that could not have been a meteor. This spectacle was well observed.

6 September 1980, 23:00, Military Field Exercise, in the Province of Jiangsu

At about 23:00 hours on 6 September 1980, many of the soldiers of a PLA Artillery Unit stationed in the Province of Jiangsu, were on night military exercises in the area. They were suddenly surprised to discover a brilliant flying object gliding in their direction. As the alarm was sounded they all kept looking up and saw a huge luminous circular object shaped like a pancake flying in the air. It radiated a brilliant red light and was followed by a trail of softer light about a meter (apparent) long. The circular object was surrounded by a red halo or glow, and its trail was of a luminous sky blue color, a magnificent spectacle that illuminated the whole area. According to an ophthalmist of the reconnaissance section, the object was flying at 200 meters altitude at about the speed of an airliner. In two minutes the object suddenly accelerated to high speed, became much more brilliant than before and the trail became a little longer as it ascended at a steep climb up into the heavens and disappeared. The unit secretary wrote the Zijingshan Observatory at Nanjing to inquire about sky phenomena that night but got no response.

23 September 1980, 21:00, Beijing

At about 7 o'clock in the night of September 23, 1980, Li Gang and many other persons in Beijing, discovered a cinnamon-yellow unidentified flying object in the sky over the city. Its lower part was like a plate. Its upper part more like a desk lamp. It flew from southeast towards the east-northwest and disappeared in the distance after about 2 minutes.



The reporter from the Tianjin Daily News returned from his trip to Dagang Oil Field to investigate the reports of UFO activity there, on assignment for his paper, and it was printed in the 15 October issue under the headline, "WAS IT NOT A FLYING PAN THAT HAD VISITED US?" The report was written by the Editorial Office of the newspaper. More details were furnished this time.

5 October 1980, 03:00, Dagang Oil Field, Tianjin

"Five workers of the Machinery Repair Workshop of the Metal Construction Factory of the Fourth Company of the Petroleum Ministry, reported their eye-witness observation of a Flying Pan, and your newspaper dispatched a correspondent to Dagang Oilfield to especially investigate the incident. According to his report, in the night of 4/5 October, these workers, making use of the Saturday holiday time, went to the seaside at Dagang Tidal Basin to catch shrimp. At about 3 o'clock in the morning of the 5th, they suddenly discovered in the sky a flying object like a fireball, flying rapidly from the west to southwest. After about 10 seconds it suddenly disappeared in the sky about 1,000 meters above the sea. According to the eye-witnesses, the flying object had a diameter of more than a meter (apparent size) and was conical in shape, pointed in the front and growing larger and larger towards the rear or base. It was red in color, surrounded by a bluish-green ring of light, and its outside surface was made up of white light. It illuminated the ground brightly, like an electric welding light, and gave out a burning feeling to one's face. Its speed was faster than that of an airplane, and at the same time it gave out a strange thrilling sound, but not like the noise of an airplane or the wind."

Another report indicated a sighting of the same or a similar object in the sky above Tangshan Municipality at about the same time on the same morning.

5 October 1980, 03:55, Tangshan Municipality, Hebei

Jin Yuchun, a worker of the Tangshan Steel Factory who lives at house No. 5 of the Jiugezhuang Residential

District of Tangshan Municipality, suddenly saw that it was bright as noon outside of the window, at 55 minutes past three in the early morning of October 5th. At first, he thought it was the "earth-light" preceeding a big earthquake. He hastened to awaken his wife and asked her to observe the state of affairs outside the window together with him. Then, they saw floating in the sky, a bright unidentified flying object in the shape of a cigar flying over their heads toward the southeast. The object was more than a meter long (apparent). Its forward part was a sharp-pointed cone, and fire flames were continuously spurting out from its rear. It was surrounded by dazzling light ribbons. It flew at a comparatively slow speed and a very low altitude. Soon it flew away and disappeared.

14 October 1980, 04:00 to 05:00, Beijing

Yi Shi of address number 1, Entrance 2, Building 15 in Guangming Xili, Beijing, observed a flying body in the air above the city. He watched it for ten minutes.

14 October 1980, 22:05, Qingshan District, Wuhan

From the highway in front of the residential quarters for the staff of a sanatorium of the Wuhan Tuberculosis Hospital, Huangjiadawan, Qingshan District of Wuhan, observers Han Qizhi and other workers, saw a luminous flying object in the air resembling a straw hat. It was white in color and rotated clockwise about its vertical axis. No mist or cloud was seen around it when it first appeared. Later some cloud appeared on both sides, then it vanished in the cloud produced. It was brighter than the moon until it was obscured by the cloud. Its altitude was about 200 to 300 meters and its path of flight was straight and then slightly curved.

The next report sounds like a re-run of the 5 October sighting just 10 days later, and the day of publication of the Dagang story in the Tianjin Daily News.

15 October 1980, 03:00, Dagang Power Plant, Tianjin

Hong Changqui, Su Xuewu and Jin Tianmin, workers at the Metal Structures Plant, No 4 Company, Ministry of Petroleum Industry, together with Li Zhongyu, security officer of the Repair Shop of the company, and about 30 others, observed a flying object like a ball of fire. It moved quickly from west to southeast and vanished at about 1,000 meters above the sea. Hong Changqui recalls that at 03:00 he was on the beach when suddenly a powerful light, like a welding arc, illuminated the place all around. The flying object in the sky was cone-shaped with a pointed head and looked red-hot in the middle. It was surrounded by a bluish-green light, which in turn was enveloped in white rays. The witnesses felt scorching heat like infra-red when facing the object. Su Xuewu was facing south when he heard the strange sound like neither wind nor aircraft. Turning back, he saw a belt of light in the sky. Jin Tianmin said, "I was one 'li' west of the two above witnesses at the time, when I saw the sudden illumination. Looking up, I saw a flying body in the air and felt the heat on my face. Dongping, my child, also felt the heat. The object flew at about 700 to 1,000 meters elevation, and made a loud fearful whizzing sound. It vanished soon after reaching the Bohai Sea."

25 October 1980, 19:53, Chongqing

From a pathway beside the swimming pool at the Southern China Teacher's College, Chongqing, Liu Xiong, Tang Taihue and other students of Chinese, Grade 80, Class 1, of the above college saw an ellipsoid flying object in the northern sky at an elevation of 30 degrees above the horizon. It was circular and bright around its edges and therefore looked like a luminous ring of light blue color. Its visual diameter was  $2^{\circ}$ . No rotation was observed. It flew quickly westward at .22 degrees of visual arc per second. It was as bright as a second magnitude star and was brighter at the ends of the long axis. It disappeared 4 seconds later in the west at a 30 degree elevation angle. The inner edge of the ring of light seemed rather indistinct. The long

axis was perpendicular to the horizon. The angle of arc covered by the movement from beginning to the point of disappearance was about 70 degrees. No sound was heard from the apparition.

25 October 1980, 22:30, Fang Cun, Guangdong

Lu Genghua, a worker of the Guangdong Provincial Sugar, Tobacco and Wine Company wrote: "At about thirty minutes past 10 in the night of October 25th, I and my wife were returning to our home in Fang Cun after having watched TV at our neighbor's home. We discovered in the sky, about 600 to 700 meters to the west of the suburban district, an unidentified flying object as large as two wash-basins joined together to form the figure '8'. It gave out a yellowish-white light as it moves slowly towards the northwest. We did not see it rotate, and did not hear any noise coming from it."

Huang Tianxiang, an editor of the science page of the Beijing Evening News, wrote, "I have recieved more than a hundred eye-witness reports or Flying Pans, including reports of Northeast China, North China, Northwest China, Southwest China and the Central District. Among these eye-witnesses are workers, herdsman, peasants, students, military and scientific research workers. I cannot publish all the reports in whole, because the space of our newspaper is limited. I shall only speak of some special reports or reports which have been verified." Some dozen case summaries then followed, which we have inserted here in their chronological sequence.

30 October 1980, 20:43, Beijing

At 43 minutes past eight in the night of October 30, 1980, Zhao Shudong of Beijing discovered a luminous light-yellow colored unidentified flying object in the sky over the city of Beijing. It was shaped very much like an old fashioned brass hot-water bottle, with its two ends forming a parabola. It was flying from the southeast to northwest, with a speed only a little more

slow than a meteor. It made no sound. The witness had a good view. Looking closer he could see that the object was fuzzy looking, like a form of mist or luminous cloud but was complete and regular in shape. It disappeared after more than 20 seconds.

1 November 1980, 23:50, Beijing

At 53 minutes past eleven in the night of November first 1980, Feng Chan, of Beijing, and her mother, discovered in the northwestern sky, a misty rectangular flying object whose luminosity was about that of a second magnitude star. If the stars were considered the size of a five-cent coin then the object would be the size of a brick.

5 November 1980, 02:58, Jinghai, Tianjin

Li Renpei and Li Laijun, both workers at the local Jinghai Textile Mill, Tianjin, watched a saucer-like luminous flying object giving off a green fluorescence as it flew toward the east and disappeared in the distance. Seven minutes later it returned and moved to the west, then turned back toward the east again. It was sighted both times for only a few seconds. It looked rather like a rod with round tips at both ends, but resembled an ellipsoid saucer while tilted as it was turning back. No sound was heard from the object.

5 November 1980, 17:30, Wuhan Municipality

Liu Jianping, a student of the 12th Middle School of Wuhan Municipality stated, "At about 30 minutes past five in the afternoon of November 5, 1980, I and my schoolmate Chen Xi were returning from school when I suddenly discovered in the sky above our heads, a bright orange-red elliptical flying object moving irregularly up and down, and to the left and to the right, as it was floating slowly towards the northeast. I was afraid I might be having an illusion, so I put on my spectacles and looked again. I found that the object had three not

very conspicuous red tails trailing it. I then thought of what the Journal of UFO Research had said about the 'Flying Pans'. Later, I told other people about this incident, but they did not believe me. Was it really just my illusion?"

5 November 1980, 21:32, Beijing

At about 32 minutes past nine in the night of November 5, 1980, Liu Yaping of Beijing successively observed two luminous intense green and yellow unidentified flying objects in the dark sky. Not quite as large as the planet Saturn, they were flying from east toward the west as they rotated about a vertical axis. There was only an interval of a few seconds time between the two objects as they passed above.

6 November 1980, 05:00, Wujing County, Jiangsu

Shangyuan Guofang, a young worker of the Henan Production Brigade, Kangli Commune, Wujing County, in Jiangsu Province wrote, "At 5 o'clock in the early morning of November 6, 1980, we were working on the morning shift of threshing and collecting grains in our farmyard when suddenly our attention was attracted to a flashing object that appeared in the northwest sky. It was flying toward the northeast. The interval between each flash of light was about 4 seconds. The whole duration of the observation was about 8 minutes. We felt that it did not look like a meteor, because it moved comparatively slowly. Its flashes of light were brighter than any star in the night sky. It was not like an airplane because we could always see from night navigating airplanes three lamp lights forming a triangle. We also noticed for a short interval that the light of this object was unusual in its intensity of red, like that of the setting sun. All the people present in the yard were greatly astonished. We do not know what it really was. We had never seen anything like it before."

10 November 1980, 17:10, Tongxin Li

"At 10 minutes past five in the afternoon of November 10, 1980, a white and slightly yellow flying object moved away slowly from southeast to northwest. There were then 10 or more of us and some other people in an alleyway at Tongxin Li No. 1-3 when we discovered this object in the sky. It was about 2,000 or perhaps more meters in altitude above. We at once began to discuss the matter hotly. Someone said that it was a rocket, others said it was an airplane. But according to my observation, it was neither like a jet airplane, nor like a rocket. At first, its appearance was that of a snake with the tail cut short. It had a round head and a short tail. To be more exact, it looked more like a paramecium as described in a book on biology. It had a clear-cut contour with definite outline. It had a brightness greater than that of a full moon. The whole body was luminous, and the color of the light was quite uniform and not dazzling. The object flew slowly and steadily. Its length was about 20mm apparent size (at an arm's length). The head was slightly bigger than the body. It gradually changed into a round spot. It did not fly in a straight line, but zig-zagged and wavered in its flight. It swayed to the left and then to the right more conspicuously. When the diameter of the round spot had shrunk to about 1/10th, it disappeared behind a tall building. The observation lasted 3 minutes. Those there present were Li Gongqing, the 10 others and myself."

/s/ Chang Jian

10 November 1980, 21:10, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

At 21:10 on November 10, 1980, in the Wuchang District, Wuhan City, Hubei, Li Jiangxi, a Wuhan citizen, watched an apparition in the sky like a circle made up of light spots. It rotated in space. The saucer-like object was faintly visible. It flew from north toward the southwest. The saucer seemed to be above the circle of light spots. The spots flashed by regular turns. It was soundless and was lost in the stars 3 minutes later.

10 November 1980, 21:10, Wuchang District

"At 10 minutes past nine in the night of November 10, I saw a luminous flying object in the sky of the outer side of the People's Court of the Wuchang District where it was flying from the north toward the southwest. At first I thought it was an unknown bright star which was moving in the sky. After 2 seconds, I discovered that it was not a star, but several light spots moving together, forming a rotating plate. The shape of the circular plate could be seen indistinctly at the top of the light spots (or above them). It was not an airplane and moved very slowly. The light spots regularly gave out flashes in turn, and were noiseless from the beginning to end. After I had observed it for 3 minutes it just disappeared among the stars."

/s/ Li Jianxi

12 Chucai St., Wuchang District

11 November 1980, 14:34, Yunan Province

At about 2:34 in the afternoon of November 11, 1980, at Yunan, Zhang Zhousheng observed a strange flying object travelling 400 to 500 meters behind an airplane. It was much less shiny than the plane. Its shape was cylindrical, resembling a huge cigarette a little too thick for its length. It also looked somewhat like a long petrol drum flying in the sky. It was comparable in speed and size to the airplane going in front of it. The finish appeared to have a metallic lustre, but not brilliant. It had no tail or wings. It was soundless as it flew west and disappeared behind some trees. It had remained in sight for about a minute.

11 November 1980, 20:00, Wuhan City

At 8 p.m. on November 11, 1980, from the playground in front of the students dormitory of Wuhan University, in the eastern suburb of Wuhan City, Wang Zhanfan, Pan Hongchao, Li Jie, and several dozen other students of space physics of the 1977/78 classes, watched an ellipsoid flying object that appeared in the east at a 40 deg-



ree elevation angle. It flew slowly closer, then made a slight turn upon arriving overhead and flew west by 10 degrees south. Its highest elevation angle was about 80 degrees when it was overhead. It carried four lights in pairs, two yellow and two white. The yellow lights were steadily lit and the white ones went off and on at one to two second regular intervals. The object was rather dim of itself, but by the lamps' light it could be made out as saucer-like and convex in the center. Some of the observers estimated its altitude at a thousand meters, and its diameter at a few dozen Meters. It rotated in a clockwise direction around its vertical axis when making the turn. All four lamps rotated with it. In a moment it stood still, then moved again. It disappeared 15 minutes later. The speed was slow. A rumble of thunder followed its disappearance.

14 November 1980, 18:42, Shaoguan City, Guangdong

At 42 minutes after six in the afternoon of the 14th of November 1980, at an airbase near Shaoguan City, Tao Wenhua, an Airforce serviceman, observed and also studied an orange colored flying object in the sky. It was white in the center and was very bright with an orange tail. It appeared in the south at 45 degrees elevation, then dashed down to a 35 degree angle. It was slightly slower than an ordinary meteor. It became lost in the clouds at 1,000 meters altitude, but soon reappeared, flying from south to north. At 18:44 it changed direction, flying from east to westward at 800 meters. Its course of flight was perpendicular to the airport runway. It disappeared behind some trees to the west.

15 November 1980, 21:15, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province

At 21:45 on November 15, 1980, at the Huanghe Machine Factory, Hanlizhai District, in an eastern suburb of Xi'an, Zhu Jiaming, staff officer of the above factory, his child, and other workers, watched a strange object in the evening sky. It was shaped like a straw-hat, with a round base and pointed top. It emitted a powerful yellow-white light and flew rotating at high

speed, followed by a luminous trail of glowing matter. In a dozen seconds it disappeared behind tall buildings.

21 November 1980, 16:43, Nanjing

On 21 November 1980, at 16:43 in the afternoon, near the Daqiao Hotel in Nanjing, Cai Zhibin, a staff member of the Inspection Section in the Harbin Metal Wire Factory, on business in Nanjing, observed a round or spherical flying object in the western sky. It was bright red with a big tail of the same color and was moving horizontally from south to northward. In about 2 minutes it shrank in size and vanished. Another minute later, at 16:46, the same object reappeared not far from where it had vanished and hung motionless in the sky. Yet another minute later a similar object appeared beside it. They remained in sight together for nearly 2 more minutes. The late arrival vanished first, followed by its predecessor in another minute or so, at 16:50.

18 November 1980, 19:05, Wuchang District

In his letter to CURO, Zhang Yuslong reported: "At a time between 5 and 10 minutes past seven in the evening of November 18, 1980, I discovered a flying object which was moving from north to south. It looked like a pair of fluorescent tubes in the sky and was about .3 to .4 feet long (apparent size). It changed from bright red to dim red regularly. Its speed was slower than that of a commonly seen airplane. No noise whatever was heard to come from it. Please tell me what kind of flying object this was."

4 December 1980, 05:40, Harbin City

At 05:40 on the morning of December 4, 1980, outside the Workers' Stadium in Harbin City, Zhou Zheng, a staff employee of the Professional Equipment Wholesale Department, Harbin General Merchandise Company, saw a fireball at low altitude in the eastern sky. It was as big as a washbasin and was emitting a 20 to 30 meter

long blue flame from its rear. It flew at tremendous speed and was out of sight in 2 to 3 seconds.

4 December 1980, 20:30, Guilin, Guanxi Province

At 20:30 on the evening of December 4, 1980, at Guilin, Zhou Hougui, of the Guilin Hydraulic Press Parts Factory, observed a strange brightly luminous reddish colored object in the sky. It was as bright as the Big Dipper and was flying from north southward at about the speed of a satellite. At 60 degree elevation the object made a sudden east turn and then flew in a "Z" course. It zig-zagged in big range in a horizontal direction. The object vanished abruptly as it approached the visual position of the constellation Cassiopeia. When queried next day, the Guilin Meteorological Station replied that none of their meteorological balloons carried light-giving devices.

4 December 1980, 21:20, Chengdu, Sichuan Province

From 21:20 to 21:25 in the night of December 4, 1980, at Chengdu, Duan Wenqing and other students at Junpingjie Middle School, Chengdu, watched a luminous flying object traveling from southwest to northeast in the dark sky. Its course of flight zig-zagged like the teeth of a saw. It made a U-shaped turn, joined 6 other smaller objects and they all flew away together north-eastward. It emitted green beams of light as it flew soundlessly at medium speed. Its position was about 70 degrees above the horizon when first seen. It vanished in 5 minutes.

8 December 1980, 22:53, Kunming, Yunnan Province

At 22:53, December 8, 1980, at Guli Commune, in the western suburb of Kunming, Wang Lizheng, Li Zhui, and Hua Zharong, all workers of the Guli Commune's food supply center; and Li Yonghua and Sun Jie, Commune members, saw a round luminous flying body in the cloudy sky

above them. The object looked like a white light that was travelling slowly at first, then accelerated, then it stopped and stood still for 3 seconds, and then went on again. Two minutes later it went above the clouds and disappeared.

Beijing Evening News of 24 December 1980 headlined, HAS UFO VISITED BEIJING?, followed by this introductory paragraph: "This newspaper has recieved letters from more than 10 readers reporting that they had seen an unidentified flying object at about 35 minutes past five in the afternoon of the 14th of this month. Extracts from selected letters are published hereunder for the investigation and reference of interested parties." That was followed by quotes from a number of the letters.

14 December 1980, Afternoon, Yuan Ming Yuan, Beijing

From a letter from Li Jianyong, Zhang Jianguo and Sun Lin of the Photography Section of Beijing Broadcasting College: "In the afternoon of December 14, we were taking photographs in Yuan Ming Yuan. We discovered a red-yellow ball of cloud in the western sky that had a bright spot in the center about the size of a steamed bread. It moved slowly towards the north. A little while later the upper part of the bright spot shot out a beam of red light, and moved downward and forward (sometimes red lights were spurted out from both the upper and the lower parts). Soon after that, the bright spot moved towards the northwest until it disappeared. At the time of discovery we looked at our wrist-watches. The times were 33, 34 and 36 minutes past five severally."

14 December 1980, 17:34, Beijing College

A letter from Tao Ke of the Beijing College of Post and Telecommunications said: "At about 34 minutes past five in the afternoon of December 14, I was looking out a window of our dormitory on the second floor at our college garden. I suddenly saw in the western sky a moving bright spot 10 times bigger than the northstar. It quickly spread into a bright speckle, with a broom-like

projection behind it. Soon it again gathered up into a bright spot, and then again spread out into the bright speckle. Finally it quickly disappeared. My school-mates beside me and on the lower floor all saw it."

14 December 1980, 17:34, Beijing

A letter from Ji Shuliang, Branch School of Beijing Normal College said: "In the afternoon of December 14, when I went past Shuangjing, I saw in the southwestern sky, a luminous object flying towards the west. It was the shape of a long rod, and gave out a yellow light. It was at an elevation angle of 60 degrees. I looked at my watch, and saw the time was 34 past five. This luminous object now appeared like a ball, now like half a plate, and then again like a sesame seed cake. It gave out a yellowish-white beam of light from its hind part, and looked very much like a comet. Then it also shot out a beam of light from its front part. At 38 minutes past five it suddenly disappeared."

14 December 1980, 17:35, Xiangshan

Jin Xinxin of the Beijing Electronic Watch Factory wrote: "At 35 minutes past five in the afternoon of December 14, Fu Lingsong, Yu Lian, Qu Jianhua and I saw a round white object in the sky. It was nearly like a cone, smaller at the top and larger at the base. It jumped up from the top of a mountain west in Xiangshan. In the course of its rising the top became more clearly defined. It was round-shaped, with its silvery-white circumference giving out light blue rays. It disappeared after about 30 seconds. After half a minute, it appeared again. It was then only a little larger than a steamed bread. It floated in the air, now higher, now lower, for about 3 to 4 minutes, then it disappeared all at once.

Other belated reports continued to pour in but they were as varied as the ones shown above. Something unusual was seen but it is difficult to determine just what it was.

20 December 1980, 20:05, Zhabei District, Shanghai

Zhou Hong, a student of Xinzhong Middle School; and Huang Jian, a student of No. 60 Middle School both watched a luminous flying object travelling from south by west toward the west. It appeared to be made up of two luminous bodies. It moved along a straight line and was completely soundless. It vanished at 20:08.

20 December 1980, 20:35, Qililu, Shayang, Zhongxiang County, Hubei Province

Chen Jie, a student of class 788, Jingzhou Branch, Central-China Agricultural College, observed a round flying object some 15 centimeters (apparent Size) across its width. It was in the southern sky at an elevation of 45 degrees. It was much brighter than any star and was a reddish-yellow color with a one meter-long tail. It was moving soundlessly in a horizontal direction from south-west to northward at greater altitude than ordinary airplanes. It disappeared in 8 seconds at a 30 degree angle of elevation.

21 December 1980, 05:40, Zhenjiang

From the sportsground of the Zhenjiang Agricultural Machinery Institute, Lou Chaodong, a young worker saw a strange "moon" above a distant hill. The diameter was about the equal of a two-story building. It looked a bright red, like a rising sun. The position was north-west by west. It remained in sight when Lou finished jogging three circles around the sports-ground, but then vanished soon afterward.

21 December 1980, 21:30, Kunming, Yunnan Province

Duan Lixin, a staff employee of the Kunming Railway Station, saw a luminous white round object hanging still beside the moon. It was slightly bigger than the moon. Then it moved rapidly, halting at times, going eastward. It was soundless and the sighting lasted 2 minutes.



The enlargement above is from a photograph of a strange aerial object snapped by the Chinese Serviceman pictured here.

## 1981-1982

The wave of high UFO activity over China continued at a rate of sightings and reporting considerably above that of any time prior to 1980, but never equalled that intensity again. The country and the Chinese public is more aware of the phenomenon now and activity reporting is expected to continue at a higher rate than before. We can now see that there are many similarities in the case reports there with those of the rest of the world within a certain class. It is becoming increasingly apparent however, that we are not getting the cases of a more phenomenal nature. Among these cases are few reports of UFO interaction with humans, or human involuntary abductions aboard the spacecraft, as has occurred elsewhere, and no cases of effects on animals or vegetation, or on automobiles or equipment. One case of power failure incident to a UFO sighting is included but not much attention was paid to the power failure in the reporting. This may or may not be significant. It may, however, be an implication that the information furnished us has been purged for some reason. Though this is a great deal more information than we ever had before we must look at it with some reservation until these deficiencies are satisfactorily explained. The reporting here for 1981 and beyond is far from complete and should be taken as no measure of the real activity there in China. Even in the western world with all of our modern communications facilities there is a 3 to 4 year time-lag before we know the true state of affairs. This results from secrecy, time to investigate, more secrecy, disbelief, qualification, etc, before it becomes historical record. The following cases are only preliminary indications so far.



15 January 1981, 08:00, Yunnan Province

Duan Lixin, a member of the Yunnan Branch of CURO, reported on February 13, 1981, that at ten o'clock in the morning of January 15, several soldiers from a certain PLA Unit, wrote in their official report: "At eight o'clock to two minutes past eight this morning, we have witnessed a flying object as bright as Venus, which was white tinged with a yellowish color. It was ellipsoid in shape, about .6 meter long, and looked like a kidney when it made a turn. Its speed was very slow. It disappeared behind the clouds and mountains."

15 January 1981, 07:57, 60 kilometers from Yunnan

A worker at a school wrote: "At three minutes to eight in the morning of January 15th, I heard a group of pupils shouting, 'A satellite! a rocket!' When I raised my head to look, I saw a flat ellipsoid flying object about the size of a washbasin in the eastern sky, which moved from east to northwest. It was dazzling in brightness, and disappeared behind the cloud at about three minutes past eight. In order to be prudent, we asked departments concerned about this, and they told us that at that time there was no plane or any other known object flying across the airspace of that area." The CURO member checked his archives and found a report mailed to them on 22 December 1980 by a person in a scientific department, who wrote that he had seen "A streamlined lumiphore" at a quarter past seven in the morning on October 18, 1980. The area was the same as this one.

15 January 1981, 07:57, Chuxiong County, Yunnan

At 07:57, January 15, 1981, from a suburb in Chuxiong County, Mao Jiahua, of Chuxiong Power Company, saw an unusual flying object proceeding from the east. It was the size of a washbasin, flat, ellipsoid, and was dazzlingly luminous. It was moving northeastward and vanished behind some clouds by 08:03.

15 January 1981, 08:00, Lufeng County, Yunnan

On January 15, 1981, from 08:00 to 08:02, at a place southeast of the Lucci District in Lufeng County, Shen Yongmei, Wang Hrikun and Fang Liankui of the local Kunming garrison unit, saw a very bright flying object resembling an ellipsoid plate, 2 feet long (apparent) and giving off a yellowish white light. At first it was seen coming down at a steep 30 to 40 degree descent but then changed to a vertical descent. In 10 seconds it turned to horizontal and flew away. It was lost behind dark clouds and the hills.

15 January 1981, 18:25, Wuhan, Hubei Province

At 25 minutes past six on the evening of January 15th, Cheng Shikui, a citizen of Wuhan, observed two "moons" side by side, one semi-circular and the other round, in the sky above the Jiang'an District of Wuhan.

4 February 1981, 18:45, Chengde, Hebei Province

On this Lunar New Year's Eve Li Xianglin of the Chengde Titanium Dioxide Plant, observed a bright luminous spot in the sky. It was moving from the neighborhood of Altair toward the Big Dipper. Its speed was like a satellite. It was not as bright as the Big Dipper and it moved along a straight line at first. Then, five to six seconds later it turned northeast, travelling noiselessly above. In 20 seconds it suddenly changed into a ball of fire giving off white light. It was brighter than any star. It was ellipsoid in shape 50cm long by 10cm wide. It vanished at 18:50 near the Big Dipper.

19 February 1981, 08:20, Kunming, Yunnan

Zheng Kaizhang, a father and cadre of the Industrial Association of Yunnan, and his son, saw a silvery cylinder-shaped object flying along horizontally in the sky. At 08:20 in the morning on 19 February, the scenery was beautiful and the sky was clear and very blue when

they walked along a street in the center of the village of Kunming. The child suddenly cried. "Papa, look at the sky! What is that?" And he pointed in the direction indicated. "There I saw a flying object of very bizarre form. The unidentified object was flying right over the village. It had the appearance of a great shiny silver metal flute. It was longer than a transport plane. The bright cylinder moved slowly in the blue above as it travelled from west to east in level horizontal flight. We walked along watching the strange aircraft for some time and then looked away at something else. When we looked back, it had disappeared without leaving a trace.

19 February 1981, 17:50, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Lu Changhua, a citizen of Hangzhou, watched for a minute and a half, a curious object flying about over a distant gully. It was a big cylinder on top with a smaller one beneath it. There was a ring of soft light visible between them. The light looked like that of an incandescent lamp. The object flew slowly along a mountain slope where mining had been going on. It rotated as it flew and roared like an airplane. It remained at an altitude of about 200 meters and was soon lost behind some buildings. A rumbling sound was heard by a railway switchman on duty, a policeman, young people and children playing, who did not see the object because their view was obstructed by houses.

Cigar-shaped UFOs have not been reported as frequently in China as in the west. Perhaps the sampling is too small. There is abundant evidence that we have only a very light skimming of the reporting that may actually exist at more formal levels. The next sighting, which took place just one week later, also involved a cylindrical object, though it was quite different in appearance and behavior.

26 February 1981, 17:50, Xinghua County, Jiangsu

Wang Chengyuan and other inhabitants of Xinghua watched as a curious cylindrical object flew from the



19 February 1981, 17:50, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province.

north over that county seat. It was bluish-grey in color and appeared like a metal cylindrical shell. The front and rear ends were transparent, and each end terminated with a bright red light. The object emitted from the middle of either side, beautiful orange streamers of light 5 to 6 times the length of its own body. It flew at moderate speed and took 5 to 6 minutes to travel from straight overhead till out of sight in the south. The strange rocket-like object moved in a peculiar start-and-stop manner, "like the swimming of a tadpole". The sky was cloudless and the observers were numerous. This report was filed by Wang Chengyuan.

24 March 1981, 22:00, Shaanxi Province

Xia Shuangshui of the Shaanxi Branch of CURO made the following report: "At about 10 o'clock in the night of March 24th, 1981, I saw in the east a fiery red "sun" which was most peculiar at that late hour, the sun having set in the west hours ago. This "sun" was most unusual. It was red throughout, was big and round, and appeared to be burning. It was very much like a sunrise at sea. The fresh red color lighted up the surrounding clouds and mist to become all orange-red. It was certainly a magnificent sight. It did not undergo any great change. Hanging in the sky at an angle of 50 to 60 degrees, it moved silently and slowly in the high sky. I observed it for about half an hour until it was obscured by the clouds. There were not many stars that night. The weather was not bad and there was clear visibility."

12 April 1981, Night, Yunnan Province

On the evening of 12 April 1981 Wang Lihue and members of a commune in Yunnan Province observed a golden cylinder-shaped object streaking through the skies above the commune. None of the several witnesses had ever seen anything like this before. It certainly was no airplane or balloon nor anything familiar to them.



26 February 1981, 17:50, Xinghou County, Jiangsu Province.

13 April 1981, 07:45, Daqujia Commune, Qingyuan District  
Liaoning Province

At 07:45 on a particularly clear morning, 13 April 1981, Zhang Wengang, looking up suddenly, beheld, in the sky toward the west, a singularly strange object flying from south to north. He thought the spectacle was very beautiful. He estimated the speed of the object to be about that of an airplane flying at high altitude. As it was flying very high in the sky it was difficult to clearly make out its exact details, but it could be easily seen to resemble an inverted soup-bowl. He could also see that in the course of its flight it glowed with an intense luminosity. It was about the size of an egg, and he saw this object eject smaller bright objects like silver fireballs leaving a trail of fire behind them. The main bowl-shaped object was very large and the fiery trail was about 2 meters long while the 7 smaller bright objects made a que about one meter long in the trail of fire. The smaller bright objects moved at the same speed as the parent object and maintained their intervals. The speed was constant. A dozen witnesses watched this beautiful phenomenon, but none could explain it. This amazing display disappeared one minute later. The 7 smaller objects first disappeared one after another in about a half a minute. Then the larger one disappeared little by little in size and luminosity, as though withdrawing until it was gone. No noise was heard.

13 April 1981, 19:20, Tangshan, Hebei Province

Wang He and others of the Tangshan Glazed Construction Material Plant saw a triangular flying object that was jetting not very bright flames. A 4-meter long trail of flame came from the tail. It flew from southwest to northeast over Fenghuangshan at a rate of one meter in 4 to 5 seconds.

13 April 1981, 19:25, Tangshan, Hebei Province

Wang Min of the Tangshan Meteorological Bureau and his wife saw a bright spot in the sky the size of

a glass marble. It was dragging a dark red belt and at times leaving sparks behind it. It flew horizontally from southwest northeastward at a steady speed and without sound. No more details were visible with the aid of field binoculars. The altitude could not be estimated. The same or a similar object was observed by Meng Xianhua of Kaiping Commune in Tangshan's suburb and by Ma Guojin of the Electricity Administration.

13 April 1981, 19:20, Huangtuling, Yinkou County, Liaoning Province

Li Hongzhu, a local peasant, observed an oblong flying body approaching from the southwest and giving off a powerful red light which gradually turned yellow as it flew. A red trail issued from the rear. The object was about 10 meters long and seemed to have portholes of a dark red color. It travelled northeastward, remaining in sight for 10 minutes.

13 April 1981, 19:20, East Huanren County, Liaoning

Xu Qixing, of the County Science Association, saw a big fireball that appeared in the southwest sky. It was the size of a volleyball (apparent), luminous red in color and giving off a white light. It had a two meter cylindrical tail, tapering toward the tip, which was discharging bluish fog or smoke. Smaller fireballs issued continually from the big ball of light. They gave off an orange light as they travelled behind the parent ball at the same speed. The small fireballs vanished in 20 seconds, to be replaced by new ones. The speed of flight was about that of an airplane. The altitude of apparition was estimated at 1,000 meters. It was in sight for 2 minutes.

Several hundred reports of UFO sightings were made for April 1981 alone, and many of them for the 13th day and night. Two pages from the Journal of UFO Research reporting for that day are shown.



2,000到3,000米。而且还在继续升升。按常规，美国的飞碟或火箭升空应该从西南朝东北方向发射。于是，我马上想到了是不是美国的“哥伦比亚号”航天飞机。后来，我还想到了会不会是“不明飞行物”。这个尾部发光的飞行物摆荡整个天空的速度很快，从我观察到它骤然消失，总共不过20秒钟。它在东来方向消失后，我看了手表，时间是7点20分几秒。当时还有一些在场的人目睹了这个不明发光体。

#### 4. 辽宁省盖县东关街一姓姓清秋报告

1981年4月13日晚，7点25分左右，我正在家里画画，突然孩子们在外面喊：“快出来看天上飞的什么？”我赶紧出去。跑到门外，看见在蒙蒙的夜空出现一个奇异的飞行物。它从南面慢慢飞到北。奇怪的是这个怪物一声声音也没有。它的尾部喷射出一条条长长的光带，光的颜色就象礼花一样。然后慢慢熄灭。不明飞行物头部模糊，象是一个火球。小朋友们喊：“快看飞来啦！”事实上它象是扫帚星。它的速度比常见的流星快得多，体积也大得多。它就好像在房子上空飞行，房屋的影子随飞行物慢慢消失。我朝上边继续观望，但它已消失得无影无踪了。

#### 5. 中国人民解放军驻辽宁省盖县某部战士张杰报告

1981年4月13日晚7时20分左右，我们正在宿舍学习，忽然听到外面有人喊叫的声音。当时我们不知道发生了什么事情。出门一看，发现在我们宿舍的上方有一群发红色的物体，排列成很长的队列。由西向东飞去。其速度比飞机快得多，但比流星的速度慢得多，好像是着了火的飞机。可是比飞机大得多。它们发出极其强烈的光，没有烟雾，



图1

没有声响。由于它们离我们很远，其形状模糊不清。其它看到每个物体的尾部都拖着一道发红光的光带。看来它们飞行时很有次序，每排成三角形的队时，长度达20多米。它们沿直线方向飞行，没有上升或下降的动作。目击时间长达2、3分钟。在场的人很多，大家议论纷纷，众说不一。

#### 6. 辽宁省抚顺市第16中学学生任东升报告

1981年4月13日晚7时40分，我在回家的途中，忽然发现西南天空上有一道蓝光闪过，接着便看见5个亮着橙黄色光亮的飞行物由西南方向往东北方向同时作水平飞行。它们没有一丝声响。静悄悄地飞行。而且，它们每个后面都拖着一道长长的、发着黄色光亮的光带。这几个飞行物的高度大约有2,000米。离我们的距离也比较远。所以我所看见的那几个飞行物只有灯泡那么亮。当然，实际上它们一定是很大的。

过了一会，我意外地发现，它们由5个突然变成了7个。而且后出现的4个家伙如前面3个一样。可是后来它们却又突然合为2个了！过了片刻，那2个也忽然无影了……我从开始到它们消失共观察了7分钟。

除了学生任东升的报告外，抚顺市构构公司杨俊和抚顺市第17中学孔繁立住在家偏中十分详细地记述了1981年4月13日晚目击飞碟群的情形。将情况表附后附录。

我于1981年4月13日晚7时22分亲眼看到了飞碟群飞行，这是由5个到8个飞碟组成的群队。为首的是红色，其次的就是白色，每个飞碟都拖着一道发红的扫帚尾巴。尾巴的最宽处有亮点占身的5、8倍宽。大的亮点有篮球那么大，小的则似看烟火一

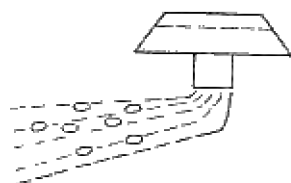


图2

数。估计高度为150到200米。从我的视野前方40度上下，由西山向东北沿着地势低洼的坡向飞到离头顶70度左右时天空。在我的正前方（北面）稍后一点的地方全部突然变暗。亮处呈透明的条状色，椭圆形，给人以发颤感。夜幕降临得慢，不显黑暗，一群飞碟的突然出现，分外耀眼。最为壮观。整个目击过程中没有听到任何声音。听说军队的雷达没有测到这些不明飞行物。

学生张亚军在来信中有一段生动的描写，可以佐证上面两个报告。现译录原文如下：

今年4月13日晚，我吃完晚饭后约夜间十时停棚外出散步。在我们往回走的时候，走到平国山道骨馆北面的小南山时，忽然发现从西南方向飞出一个如足球般大小的扁圆物体来，后面拖着长长的尾巴。随后，物体越来越小。我细心一数，总共有10个。每个个为一组，以很快的速度由西南方向飞往东北方向。它们的后面都拖着一条长长的尾巴，十分明亮耀眼。扁圆物体成白黄色，中间非常明亮，周围呈淡黄色。它们的高度约4,000米左右。附近下班的工人也都看到了这些飞行物。观察过程中没有听到任何声音。



图3



图4

## 7. 辽宁省清原县大孤家公社 河北尖队张文明报告

1981年4月13日晚7时45分左右，天空特别晴朗。当时我正和我哥哥张荣来。突然，我们发现我们的西方面一个奇怪的飞行物由南向北飞行着，其形状奇特壮观。它的速度估计跟高空飞机相似，高度也差不多。由于高度太高，我们无法看清其亮度，但可以看出，它的外形像个倒置着的碟子。使人更惊奇的是它在飞行时，突然从它的周围现出颜色相间、亮度各异、大小相似的小飞行物来。看上去就好像蜘蛛网，其光十分强，都同时发出特别明亮的象风镐一样的尖音，形态象一条尾巴。最前面的飞行物最大，有小脸盆那么大，拖着2米多长的光流，其它7个小飞行物也都拖着一条约1米长的光流痕迹。它们一直保持着自己的位置同样的速度。我们边看边喊，10名群众也看到了这个奇景，大家感到很惊奇。不知这些是什么东西。这个奇怪的飞行群1分钟后便消失了。

应当指出的是，那7个小飞行物是在半分钟内先后消失的。那个大的最前面的亮光由亮变弱，形体由大变小，直至隐没。从这组飞行物出现到消失，我们一直没有听到任何声音。大家都说从未见到过这种现象。（见图1）

张文明的这个报告，得到了清原县教师吕春和所提供的目击材料证实。吕春和后来报告中说：

……此物是蛋形体，银白色，上面有亮光，仔细观察才能隐约看到它。在它的正下方约2公尺处有一提东西，就在这东西后面喷射出一团圈状物，象晚上见到的200度灯炮一样亮。这些大球体飞来后就以相同速度往前追赶飞行物……这很壮观的景象，持续了8分钟，终于在一个山头后面消失。（见图2）

### 分 析

看完这一系列报告，现在让我们来分析一下



图5

13 April 1981, 19:40, East Yingkou County, Liaoning

At the Communes of Zhoujia, Weiziyu, Jianyi and Huangtuling in the hilly region of eastern Yingkou County, many witnesses observed unexplainable aerial phenomena. Li Jingke of Yingkou Agricultural Machinery Institute, a member of CURO, reported on an incident which had aroused a sensation among several hundred thousand of the local populace. The inhabitants of this area had observed three luminous flying bodies that appeared in the southwest at about 450 meters elevation. They gave off a bright red light, illuminating a large area around there. They flew slowly and soundlessly northeastward, spanning an expanse of 30 kilometers. While over Zhoujia Commune, the three advanced in rank formation. The middle one was bigger than the other two. Each looked like an artillery shell and discharged flames from the tail in all directions. They merged into a single unit when reaching Lugong Village, Jianyi Commune, and Xiangyang, Huangtuling Commune. They split into three again over Tuxianyu, Huangtuling Commune, and then vanished near a radar base on a neighboring hill. They were then at about three kilometers altitude. They were observed for 5 to 10 minutes in one place. In most other places the duration of the observation lasted up to 10 minutes. The objects were very large. The weather on the day of the sightings was cloudless with a light breeze, 13 degrees centigrade and low humidity. The area is generally hilly grassland. No special industrial or arms production facilities exist within 400 square kilometers. Chinese UFO Research Organization members Wang Wenqi and Hou Diansheng together with two other association members made four field trips to the area in the course of their investigation.

25 April 1981, 07:00, Beijing

Du Shengyuan submitted the following written report to authorities: "At 7 a.m. on April 25, 1981, when I had just gotten up and was doing my toilet in my home at You'anmen, Beijing, a boy of my neighbor's told me that there was a curious round thing in the sky. I went out into the courtyard and looked up. A round object was



25 April 1981, 07:00, Beijing.

circling in the air above. At times it flashed like the light of firecrackers. I telephoned Beijing Wanbo (Beijing Evening News) at once, in the hope of getting a photographer to make a picture of what I could see. To my disappointment the answer was, 'not working yet'. Then I called the Beijing and Central Television Stations, but could not get put through. Baffled in my frustrated efforts, I could only go back outside and try to continue my observation. The object was in the southwest sky. Its size about that of a 5 inch plate (visual apparent size). By the time I came back out it was seen straight overhead at more than 2,000 meters altitude. With the aid of binoculars I made it out to be ellipsoid in shape, but more like a bullet. It was red at the top. Its middle part was white, like the moon in daytime but brighter. The bottom was luminous green, like the rays from the launching of a rocket such as we see on television. The whole thing was strangely luminous. I continued my observation until it went out of sight at 07:25. It flew in a changeable way, now fast, now very slowly, now stopping altogether before speeding forward. It was watched by all the 20-odd residents in the courtyard there.

6 May 1981, 18:00, Shaanxi Province

A worker in a factory, who declined identification, described his sighting to Xia Shuangshui of the Shaanxi Branch of CURO: "Our factory quits work at halfpast five but owing to some work I had to do I left my shop a little later. When I came to the top of the staircase, I saw this strange aerial phenomenon. At first I thought it was a jet airplane manoeuvring overhead. But after looking more carefully I found that I was wrong. I at once ran downstairs and went to the vacant lot in front of the office building to observe the object more carefully. I saw two objects giving out silvery white light entwining round one another and rising spirally. After they had risen to a height of about 7,000 to 8,000 meters (they appeared to stop on the way), they moved

apart, separating themselves from each other, and then proceeded side by side until they disappeared in the distant sky. They first rose vertically from a small ravine in the northeast, and after rising to a certain height (it was so dazzling that I could not see clearly) they suddenly increased their speed and sped away. The whole process took less than 3 minutes. They left behind two lines of smoky mist in their wake. Their speed of ascent was not great at first. They rose spirally, like tree leaves swept in a whirlwind." The details observed this time were nearly the same as those reported before (on 24 March 1981). They both spurted out smoke and mist but there was also a difference. There are two objects this time and there was only one in the last. The smoke-mist this time remained only at the bottom part, while the other time it enveloped the whole body.

Upon return, the CURO party discussed the details with a number of experts. Some said that it was a hallucination, others a helicopter. Xia Shuangshui didn't see how either could be the explanation. Helicopters would not be able to entwine around each other so close while rising spirally. Moreover the objects exhibited great speed, more than an airplane, and helicopters are slow.

5 June 1981, 22:00, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province

Ding Shiliang and other students at Xi'an University, saw, in a direction west by north, a luminous flying object giving off a yellow light. It changed its shape and became less bright, and seemed to continue to dim, but not conspicuously so. Two minutes the luminous object began to change again. It split from the middle into two parts, then three, then even four. In another moment two of the units on either side vanished, leaving the two other segments still in position, one above the other. Then the lower unit grew bigger while the upper one shrank and disappeared. The remaining one also began to shrink when a new bright dot appeared below it, which kept growing larger while the upper one began to diminish again. The same process was repeated until nine minutes past the hour. The last bright object looked

like a big star and vanished at 22:14, but soon reappeared and became brighter, but now its edge was not clear. Then another appeared and the two objects approached each other and merged into one, and returned to the original shape. The light dimmed into a yellowish-red. Later it split into two again, diminished in size and finally vanished at 22:20, not to return.

6 June 1981, Night, Field Position, Gobi Desert

Wang Xinhua was assigned to a field position in the Gobi Desert, in the Uigur Atonomous Region of Xinjiang Province, when he had a unique experience. In his letter he wrote: "I was on observation patrol the night of 6 June when I saw a strange phenomenon in the night sky. The moon was below the horizon and the stars scintillated in the dark sky. Looking toward the north I saw, there in the sky, a bright white object that seemed to be suspended in space. It seemed to be particularly white in color, and was shaped like a cigar. In a moment the object commenced to move toward the east. I yelled to the other night observers of our unit, 'Look! A UFO!' The object was flying above the Gobi sands. Six minutes later it descended to the ground some distance from us and remained. We wanted to go to where it landed and examine it but we could not get there. We watched for a quarter of an hour, until the object took off and disappeared over the horizon."

11 June 1981, 01:10, Xian, Shaanxi Province

Yao Zhian, a mechanic in the village of Xian, Shaanxi, reported sighting a UFO as follows: "At 01:10 a.m., I was riding my bicycle to join my family near the railroad station, and my route took me through a place that was deserted at that early hour. Just after passing the stade, a red-orange object surged from behind me. It was greater in size than the width of the truck road, a circular glowing object surmounted by a brilliant dome. It had stopped still in the sky. I pedaled rapidly as I passed the Xiaozhai School and made a turn as I began to feel the red-orange object just behind me and just above

the trees. It was much higher at the beginning, and it was brighter then too. I heard no sound. I tried to increase my speed. When I looked again it was gone, but at the entrance to the village it appeared again, right in front of me, as if waiting. It descended and hovered between me and the village. At that moment it was like a fat circular pancake, tilted at an angle. Suddenly it took off vertically at high speed and was gone."

13 June 1981, 19:40, Weishan, Yunnan Province

Duan Youzhen of Weishan, together with many local inhabitants observed an oblong flying body in the north-eastern sky. It glowed with a silvery light like a diamond and remained still in the blue sky against the setting sun. It was first white, then suddenly turned to orange-red and very bright. It was at an elevation angle of 50 degrees with an altitude estimated at nearly 10,000 meters. It shrank in size and turned dark red, then it slowly vanished. The observation lasted 10 minutes. Other witnesses stated that it had appeared some thirty minutes earlier as a tiny bright spot in the distance, which grew larger while moving nearer, and its color kept changing from white to blue, then to red.

15 June 1981, 19:00, Fuzhou, Fujian Province

Li Jialia of the Physics Department, Fuzhou University, observed a formation of 6 UFOs in what was almost a straight line. They were orange colored as they continued moving northwest soundlessly. They vanished at about 19:10. This spectacle was also seen by many others at the compound of the Fujian Provisional Government at Pingshan, Fuzhou.

17 June 1981, 20:05, Qinghua University, Beijing

Wu Miao chen of Qinghua University and a student saw a round luminous flying object in the southern sky. It was the size of a 10cm rubber ball in apparent diameter and was milky white in color. It rose from the horizon to 30 to 40 degrees elevation, climbed to 60 degrees a



to 30 to 40 degrees elevation, climbed to 60 degrees a minute later and vanished leaving a trace that remained in the sky for some time.

17 June 1981, 21:10, Beijing

The Beijing Evening News headlined another article, "THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IN BEIJING ON 17 JUNE" and reported the event as follows: "Recently this newspaper has recieved one after another letters from Meng Fanxux, Wang Yaofang, Zhao Shiqi, Wang Xiqun, Yu Zhengyu, Liu Shunli, Wang Chuaguang, Liu Ping, Wang Zijiang and several tens of other readers, reporting the appearance of a luminous unidentified flying object in the skies of Beijing during the period of 5 to 15 minutes past eight in the evening of the 17th. According to the descriptions of the eye-witnesses, the object rose suddenly from the horizon in the west of Beijing. It was plate-shaped, having a diameter of about 30 centimeters (apparent size). It was silvery white in color, four or five times brighter than the star Venus, shooting out bright rays in all directions and rising as the observers watched. When it had risen to a certain height, its rays rapidly became less bright, and it changed from a luminous object into a luminous spot, behind which there was the trace of a wavy, spiral, S-shaped misty tail. After the disappearance of the object, the trace remained in the sky for several tens of seconds more." The newspaper checked with all the many government institutions and agencies seeking to identify an experiment or find an explanation, with negative result. They continued: "...Moreover, according to our own investigation, the object was not the moon (the moon had already risen to a very great height in the opposite direction). It was also not an airplane or an earthquake cloud. Consequently, the appearance of this unidentified flying object should draw the research and analysis of the circles concerned..."

17 June 1981, Evening, Jiangsu

Professor Tu Dengfeng of the Jiangsu Minerology

College was talking with four others when two Machine Shop teachers, Jiang Zong Li and his wife, ran up to the group crying loudly, "Look! look! UFO! UFO! Looking northwest where they pointed, Deng saw, not far from a star and five times brighter, a round luminous flying object moving from northwest to southeast and spinning clockwise. It had a lighter ring around the middle, like Saturn that could be seen as it flew along. It vanished in 5 more minutes.

19 June 1981, 20:10, Xiangshui State Farm, Jiangsu

At Xiangshui State Farm in Jiangsu Province, Chen Jiaqian of that farm watched a semi-circular luminous red body, 550 centimeters in diameter (apparent) that appeared in the northwest and remained stationary at a 15 degree elevation angle. Soon an ellipsoid ring of red light the size of an egg (again apparent size), sprang from the red body and radiated white light beams in all directions as it expanded and then vanished. At the same time, the red body began to climb, changed into an oblong shape, and became longer and longer till resembling a snake, and finally it vanished at 20:40.

The same or similar objects were reportedly sighted in many other places that night. Television broadcasting was interfered with. Scanning showed a line 2.5mm wide and highly unstable. The position of the TV Station formed a 10 degree angle with the UFO from the observer point of view.

4 July 1981, 21:24, Shazhou County Seat, Jiangsu

Gu Yulong, a peasant of the Qingshui 1st Team of Gangkou Commune, Shazhou County, saw a little bright spot, as bright as an ordinary star, travelling along a sine curve in the night sky. It soon flew away. He knew that shooting stars and satellites did not fly sine curves.

13 July 1981, 22:00, China Engineering College

Yan Ling, a student at the China Engineering college, saw an airborne object that flew along from north to south in the night sky. It displayed two lights, one of which dimmed down and brightened up intermittently. The other light remained dim. The object was soundless. Its speed was slower than an airplane. It turned west and disappeared in the distance at 22:45.

23 July 1981, 07:05, Yanjia Jing, Nanjing

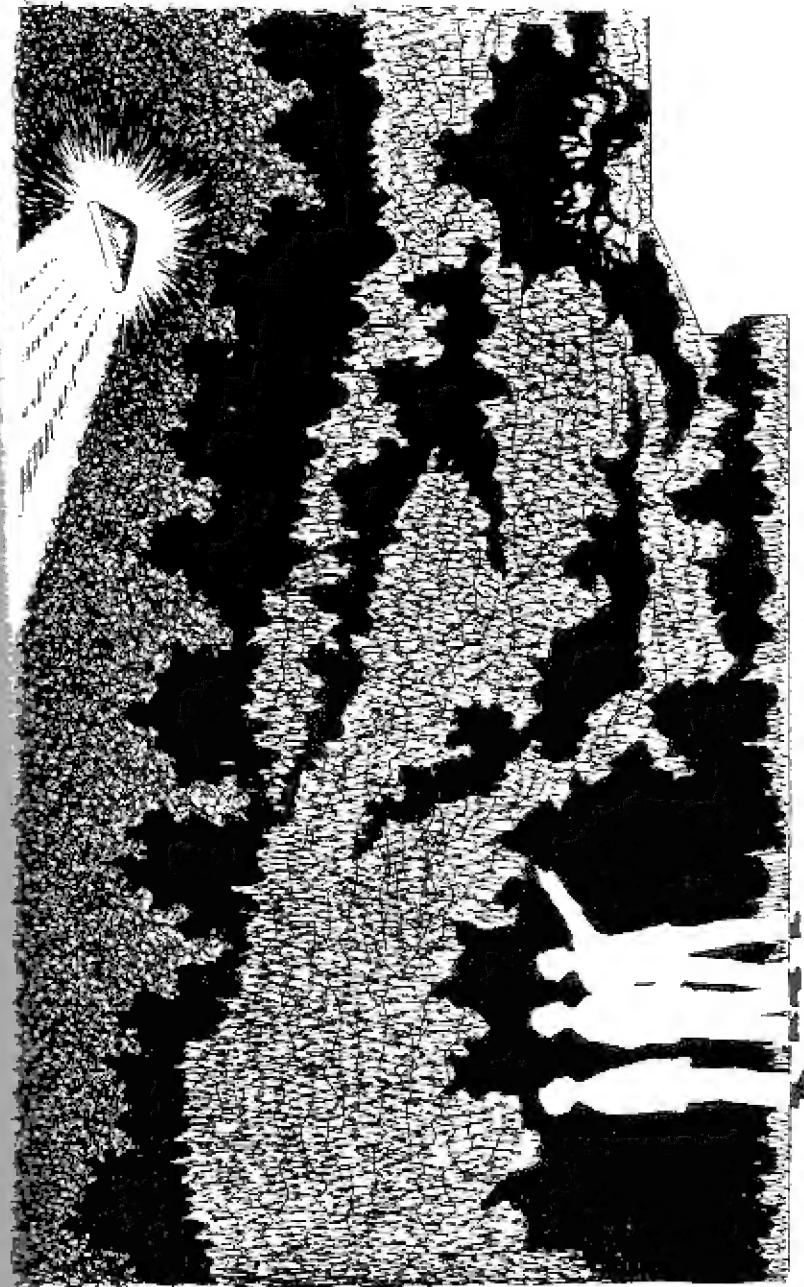
The Nanjing Daily News for July 24th reported: "At about 5 minutes past seven in the morning of July 23rd, some middle school students of House No. 8-2 of Yanjia Jing in Nanjing were sitting outdoors on some summer beds chatting. Suddenly they discovered a flying object appearing in the sky and flying from east toward the west. The object was triangular in shape, and continuously shot out blue rays. It flew noiselessly, and soon disappeared in the sky. The students said they definitely had never seen such a flying object before.."

24 July 1981, 18:10, Nanjing

At about 10 minutes past six in the evening of July 24th, residents in the neighborhood house No. 39 on Wufu Street in Nanjing also discovered in the sky an unidentified flying object moving from east to west. It had a bright spot in the center. They began to discuss the matter hotly. At first, they thought it was a balloon, but as it had a bright spot and trailed a ribbon-like light behind it, they gave up on the contention that it was a balloon. The object flew from east to west and rose higher and higher in its flight. It disappeared after 20 minutes.

24 July 1981, 20:00, Zhongji County, Ningxia Province

At Zhongji County, Mingxia, a luminous flying body was observed moving from east to west in the sky. It



23 July 1981, 07:05, Yanjia Jing, Nanjing.

was very bright in the center and was three times the size of Venus, with a small tail behind it. It radiated two flat belts of light toward the north, making a very beautiful sight. Soon It vanished.

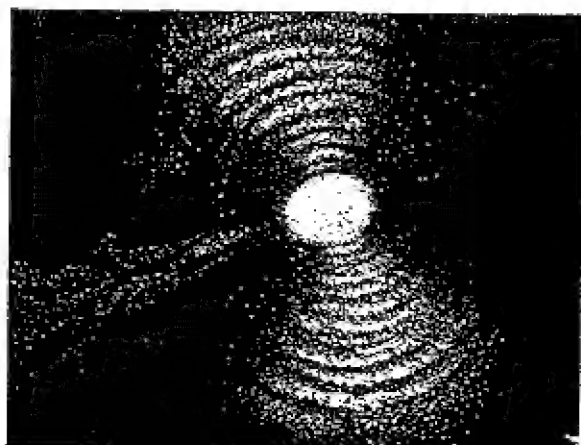
24 July 1981, 21:30, Jiqui County, Hebei Province

At half past nine on the night of July 24th, one of the 'Flying Pans' appeared in the skies of the Suitianda Commune in Jigui County of Hebei. It flew rapidly from east to west and disappeared after 2 minutes. The object was discovered by Wu Chenghua, Commune member of the Red Star Fifth Brigade of the commune. According to this eye-witness, the sky on that night was fine, clear and full of stars. At the conclusion of a program of the County Broadcasting Station, he and his 5th younger brother, Wu Chengzong, discovered in the sky above the outdoor grain yard in Wangjia Qiao, a round flying object which was moving towards the west. He hurried to call Wu Chengzong and his other family members and their neighbors to come out and see. Viewed from the ground, the round object was a little smaller than the moon. It was of a yellowish-grey color and appeared to have a small projection on its edge, which rotated rapidly with the circular plate. The speed of its flight was somewhat quicker than that of an airplane. It flew in a straight line, but was noiseless.

24 July 1981, 22:25, Ningxia, Gansu, Qinghai Province

Zhang Wenyuan of the Ningxia branch of CURO furnished the following report: "In the evening of July 24th, a strange unidentified flying object flew over 3 adjoining provinces for about 5 minutes from 22:25. The object was shaped like two symmetrical sectors which glowed with a silvery light. The core of this object was a ball of orange colored light with a misty tail, and the two symmetrical sectors were formed by layers of curved rays of light. It flew slowly and silently from northeast to southwest. The size, varying in different reports from different areas, was about that of a full moon to five times that of a full moon. The time visible

from emergence to disappearance was about three to ten minutes.

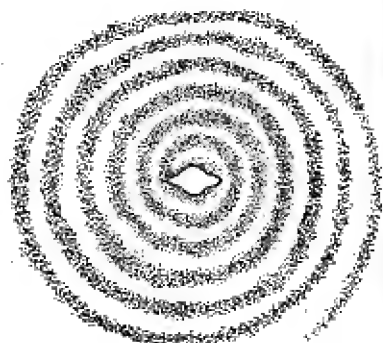
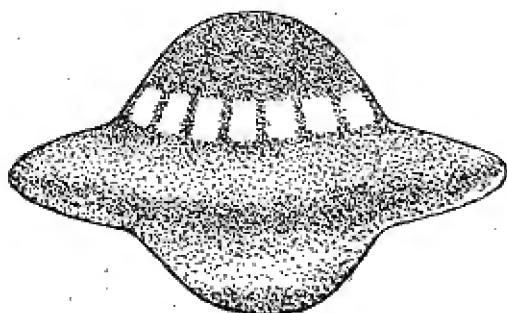


24 July 1981, 22:25, Ningxia

Two symmetrical sectors with an orange core and tail

24 July 1981, 22:30 to 23:30, Sichuan Province

Thousands of people from several provinces observed a huge luminous spiral-shaped apparition of light crossing the China Skies. It looked like a huge flat pinwheel (the Chinese called it a dragon) and was 5 times brighter than stars. A group of medical students in Sichuan observed it through binoculars and sketched what they saw. At the center of the "pinwheel" was a circular bi-convex lens-shaped body of blue and green light. Surrounding the upper dome was a row of lighter spots like "windows" or ports. The circular body was surrounded six times by the ever increasing spiral trail of light of a golden-yellow color. In Gui Zhou, peasants described the apparition as immense in size. Three known sets of photographs were made by witnesses in different locations as the luminous spectacle crossed the country. They showed the apparition edge-on, frontal and at an angle. The photographs bear out the witnesses statements about the sighting events.



24 July 1981, 22:30, Sichuan  
From the sketch by the students

24 July 1981, 22:36, Dragon-Mouton Valley, Gansu

The night was mysteriously calm in the Dragon-Mouton Valley with a magnificently serene starry sky that night as Liu Kuanxin came out of his house at 22:30 to go visit a friend. "Suddenly I saw in the sky above me an enormous luminous object moving slowly across the field of view. Despite my young age I have a passion for astronomy and know the sky well. I knew of nothing like this sight and wondered what catastrophe it foretold. The object resembled a spiraling comet. It was very brilliant and left a trail of light behind it forming a brightly radiant spiral. The concentric turns were very distinct but became more and more vague and indistinct at the edges compared to the center. The whole apparition turned from the center out to the edges as it flew from west to east. I considered getting a photo of the strange sight and ran for my 120 camera in the house. I snapped two black and white photographs as I watched the aerial display. During the night I developed the negatives myself and was surprised at the clear images of the object. I can affirm that the photos are authentic. I am sure that the experts who examine and analyze these pictures will come to the same conclusion.

Wu Zhiong of the Guanxi District of Sichuan Province, observing the same object two minutes earlier, ran

for his camera and snapped two 7 to 10 second exposures on black and white film at 22:33 hours. At that time the spiral was horizontal and growing in size as it tilted up on edge, becoming almost verticle in less than two minutes. The image was dense and brilliant yellow in the center shading to clear white and dimmer neat the outer edges.

Zhang Zhousheng reported that a friend, a technical employee in a photo processing laboratory, who did not want to be identified, had seen a photograph taken the same night at 22:34 from a position in Guanxi District. A client had presented a negative for enlargement saying that he thought the object was a UFO. The date and time was marked on the negative. This print showed the same object as the one reported above but photographed from a different direction clearly revealing the whole spiral form. It showed three full turns from the spherical center out to the beginning of the fourth spiral turn.

Here we have three different cameras shooting pictures from three different vantage points within the same five minute period, and of the same strange object flying in the night sky.

24 July 1981, 23:00, Nanjing

At about eleven o'clock that night, an old man of house No. 80-3 of Xianyu Xiang (lane) was cooling himself outdoors together with his old mate. Suddenly they discovered in the sky a strange flying object as big as a sesame seed cake flying from south to north at a medium speed. It gave out a blue light in front, and trailed many rays of a long fire beard behind. The old man said it was positively not a meteor because the meteors he had seen had never been so big as this. It was also not an airplane, because the strange object did not make any noise.

24 July 1981, Night, Northern Tibet

An unidentified flying object was sighted on 24 July 1981 in the sky over the northern part of Tibet. Quoting a meteorological official in the region, the



news report said a bright object the apparent size of a tennis ball surrounded by rings of blue-white light of variable brightness, moved from east to west at altitude and at an estimated speed of 120 kilometers per minute for 7 minutes. "As it moved", the witness said, "the center of the object brightened and began rotating in an opposite direction to the movement of the surrounding rings, which began to dim and widen at the same time." The official observed 6 rings during the first 3 to 4 minutes of the observation, and the outermost ring grew to between 20 and 30 meters in apparent diameter. The meteorologist said, "As the center dimmed, the rings faded, but then the brightness of the ring of blue-white light around the whole object increased". He added that there was no sound from the object during the sighting.

Zhang Zhousheng, a young and dedicated Chinese Astronomer, 23 years old, of the new generation and also an officer in CURO, who has made a special study of the UFO phenomenon, said that although there were many reports of structured UFOs around the country on that day he is convinced that the Archimedes spirals of light in the sky must be some astronautic or atmospheric phenomena not yet identified and understood, and therefore equally exciting. He considers the altitudes too high and the size of the objective image too great for any structured or occupied vehicle.

27 July 1981, 15:30, Zibo, Shandong Province

At 15:30 on 27 July 1981, Police Officer Shi Wenglu was watching television when he heard a noise. He ran outside in the yard to check on his TV antenna, and it was then that he spotted 3 round luminous objects flying in a triangular formation in the sky. They were flying from northeast to southwest. A moment later he sighted 2 more luminous spheres flying from north to south, and finally turning toward the west. He also discovered several other round objects that remained motionless in the sky, making a total of 13 to 15 objects above. Later the intruders all disappeared at once!

28 July 1981, 01:15, Qingdao, Shandong Province

Xiu Junfeng, engineer for the design section of the Qingdao Construction Bureau, Qingdao, observed, at 01:15 on 28 July, a flying object shaped like an saucer in inverted position. The disc-like object was flying from northeast of the meteorological station on Mt. Fulong to southwest of the TV tower at Qingdao. The luminous object approached at about 500 meters altitude and stopped and remained motionless in the air for a moment there, and then ejected a ball of light that floated down from the sky to the ground. Its size was bigger than a truck headlight. The first object descended to about 50 meters and flew a half circle in a slow movement. Then the UFO emitted a low "hum" accompanied by a "whine". Its contour was very distinct in the deep blue of the night sky and its orange-red color was conspicuous. Later in the sighting the color turned to a luminous dark red. The sighting lasted about 3 minutes until it sped off and was lost from sight.

4 August 1981, 21:50 to 22:12, Kunming, Yunnan Province

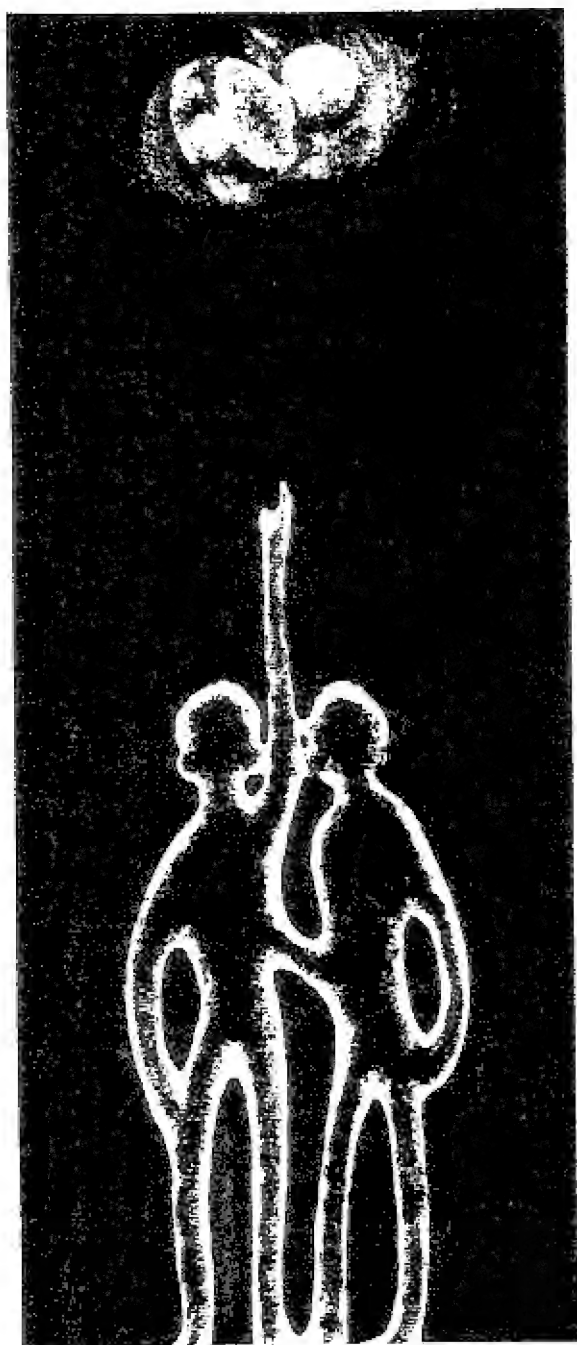
A staff member of the Dermatological Department of No. 1 Hospital, attached to Kunming Medical College, observed a yellowish-green flying body that appeared in the sky at 21:50. Its shape was like a crescent moon. It was seen in the western sky at an elevation of 45 degrees, and it had a convex side facing north. Its brightness was about first magnitude as it hovered still in the sky. By 21:52 it divided itself in two parts with the upper half spindle-shaped and remaining motionless while the lower part became like a cymbal and very bright. The lower half discharged a stream of white smoke, which enlarged into a mass of cloud to surround the parent body. The cloud seemed to rotate counter-clockwise. It diminished in size and vanished by 21:54. It appeared again at 21:55 and repeated the fission process, but by 21:57 the two halves had merged into the shape of the spindle again. This same process was repeated 5 times until 22:12 when it merged for the last time and shrank, dimmed, then just vanished.

27 August 1981, 21:00, Litang County, Sichuan Province

Gao Renjun described his sighting in the following statement: "I work at Litang County, Sichuan. On the night of August 27, 1981, I was reading in my room when I heard the call of my colleague, Lian Shilun: 'Doctor Gao, come out quick! Watch the UFOs!' I ran out at once and, looking in the direction he pointed, saw two unidentified flying objects in the sky above our house. I checked my watch; it was 21:00 Beijing time. In the direction of the Big Dipper I made out the position of two flying objects to the southwest. They were at a great distance and were moving farther away from us. At last they disappeared behind the roof of our house and were not seen again. They remained in sight for about five minutes. One of the flying objects, the larger one, was about a dozen times the size of the biggest star, and 5 to 6 times as bright as the brightest star. It was of spherical shape and its color was a bluish-green. When shielded by clouds it could be seen as a circular body of orange light the size of a basketball. The other one, also spherical in shape, was slightly smaller and of an orange color. It kept its distance from its companion constant and went out of sight with it."

5 October 1981, Morning, Tangyuan City

The Bejiang Daily News published in the "Strange News" column on the third page of its November 5 issue, a news item under the caption, "A Flying Pan Discovered In The Sky Of Tangyuan". It stated that the Flying Pan was discovered by two people riding in a motor car in transit. The time was in the morning of October 5th. The place was 4 'li' west of Tangyuan City. The manner of flying was described as "A bright white elliptical body apparently surrounded by mist descending from the sky of Tangyuan. It stayed two minutes in the sky 200 meters above the ground to the north of the city.... Then it began to rise again and flew rapidly towards the east." The paper then went on to say, "The report is published for the reference of UFO researchers."



27 August 1981, 21:00, Litang County, Sichuan Province.

8 October 1981, 18:40, Mudan Jiang, Linkou County

A letter from Xu Tiliang of the Linkou County Seeds Company reported: "At about 40 minutes past six in the evening of October 8, I was proceeding on the main street in front of the Linkou Railroad Station. Suddenly I discovered, in the sky behind the north hill, a red disc shaped flying object flying horizontally and steadily from the west to east. On seeing this I could not help but cry out, 'Look! A Flying Pan!' Another pedestrian had then also seen this Flying Pan. The time from discovery to disappearance was probably about one minute." According to the estimate of another of the witnesses, the object had an apparent diameter of more than a meter and the thickness of the central part was more than one foot. It was about 2,000 to 3,000 meters from the eye-witnesses and 300 to 400 meters above the ground. The Objects' speed of movement was about that of a jet airplane. The object rotated and was as red and luminous as a piece of burning charcoal, red on the surface and incandescent in the center. It was a beautiful sight. It finally disappeared quite suddenly.

12 October 1981, 23:00, Ya County, Guangdong Province

An Peng offered this statement of his observation: "I am a primary school teacher in Ya County, Guangdong. At 11 p.m. on October 12, 1981, I was reading in my room when I was called by my roommate, Wu Taibin, telling me to come out and watch. I went out of the room and looked in the direction he pointed. A very luminous flying object, big in the middle and tapering to a point at both ends, was travelling from the south towards the west. It had a speed about that of an airplane. We could not make out the shape of its nose on account of its dazzling light. It emitted rays of all colors, red, yellow, and blue. It was much brighter than any star, and it was a splendid sight against the bright moon. When our view was blocked by the roof of the house, we dashed behind the house for another look but curiously, it had already vanished. The sighting lasted about 3 minutes."



12 October 1981, 23:00, Ya County, Guangdong Province.

2 December 1981, 21:45, Warchang County. Hubei Province

Tang Bing submitted the following statement: "We are students at a senior class in Liufang Middle School, Warchang County. On the night of December 2, 1981, the three of us, Li Lingling, Huang Yanping and myself, were coming out of the classroom building after the hour for individual work. At that time we saw a huge saucer-like object, crimson like the sun, moving swiftly in the sky from southwest to northwest. It became smaller as it was moving farther away, and diminished into a tiny spot of light and then disappeared with a flash. It was seen for about one minute. The time was 21:45 when it vanished."

4 December 1981, 20:30, Guangxi Province

An eye-witness report by Zhou Hougui of Guangxi stated: "At about eight-thirty in the evening of December 4, 1981, I saw once again a UFO which flew from the north to south and disappeared when it was 70 to 85 degrees in elevation. It was a luminous red and its red-iant brightness was about that of an ordinary star. I phoned the Guilin Astronomical Observatory the next day and they told me they had flown a balloon between seven and eight o'clock, but that there was no light attached to it. Later I heard that some nearby PLA Unit had flown a "Kongming Lantern" (a paper lantern with a candle in it which is lifted up into the sky by the hot air). The object I saw did not fly fast, and when it was at nearly 85 degrees elevation it made a sudden M-turn and just disappeared. The PLA Unit was far enough away to make such a flight by a Kongming Lantern almost impossible."

24 December 1981, Evening, Beijing

According to airport workers Wane Han-pu and Han Leng, they witnessed a surprising sight on the evening of 24 December. They watched in bewilderment as a white disc-shaped object hung in the sky above Beijing Airport. It resembled nothing they had ever seen before. Both men were familiar with all known air traffic in and out of the airport but they were unable to explain this.



2 December 1981, 21:45, Warchang County, Hebei Province.



An editorial in the Chinese Journal of UFO Research aptly summarizes the UFO situation in China up to 1982 and describes an emerging pattern of interest in that great republic. We would like to quote from that editorial as a summary of the conditions preceeding 1982 and a forecast of conditions to follow.

"Beginning from 1947, there have been reports from all parts of the world concerning the appearance of unidentified flying objects, with China the sole exception, where the press has been silent in this concern. However, this does not mean that this country has been excluded by UFOs in their visits, nor has there been any absence of privately communicated reports. When a large circular plate suddenly appeared in the sky and remained there for a length of time with dazzling light radiating in all directions, or when half the night sky was suddenly turned crimson by a red "sun" which zoomed up from the south at midnight, they did not fail to cause sensation and curious speculation as phenomena never seen before and utterly unknown. Only the reticence of mass communications media has barred such news from the knowledge of foreigners, who might have suspected that the Chinese have been ignorant of any trace of the unknown visitors.

With the downfall of the Gang of Four and the subsequent emancipation of science, the ban was lifted on press reporting of UFO phenomena. Talk about the subject was no longer dismissed as senseless rumor. UFOs which haunted other countries and regions did not fail to make their appearance in the skies of China's huge 9,600,000 square kilometers. The fact is that they have visited China with about the same frequency with which they were seen in other lands. In the past three years alone as many as 1,000 odd instances of UFO sightings were reported.

The repeated UFO reports, increasing over recent years, gave rise to considerable interest and attention by authorities, so that many older people were reminded of their decades-old experiences, some of which we are reporting. Of the thousands of UFO case reports a few dozens are stories retrieved from these reminiscences. One of these narrators is Mr. He, about 55, a doctor of

traditional Chinese medicine. He recalled an incident which happened when he was a teenager. One night his woman neighbor was terribly astounded when, while walking behind her house with her grandson in her arms, she saw a huge round plate, red in color and blindingly lustrous, fly toward her from the sky. Before it reached her it split into three balls of fire and flew away in different directions. The description reminds one of a scene in the recent movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind". In the meantime there have been reports of the sudden appearance of a moon on a moonless night. All stories, different as they might be in detail, apparently point to similar objects described in other parts of the world.

It is since 1976, with the emancipation of science, that UFOs began to be reported in Chinese skies in large numbers, especially in 1980. The UFOs haunted China's skies and caused a sensation among its billion plus population. The resulting surprise and curiosity touched off a yearning for knowledge. People asked for explanations of the phenomena. They want scientists to conduct researches, and wish the reports to be communicated and the knowledge popularized. Consequently, May of that year saw the inception of the China UFO Research Organization, followed a year later by the launching of a bi-monthly magazine, The Journal Of UFO Research, of which 300,000 copies were sold out in panic purchasing.

With the publishing of the magazine, the UFO Research editorial offices embarked on extensive collection of records of UFO sightings in China now and in the past of which only a sampling is represented here. Of the few hundred items included, some are reproduced from other publications in China including Guangming Daily, Beijing Evening News, Yangcheng Evening News, the Hebei Daily, Changjiang Daily, Aerospace Knowledge Magazine, Mystery of Nature, Science of Life, Spray of Science, etc. Other reports come from members of the new China UFO Research Organization and its 28 chapters all over China.

The first part of 1982 was fairly quiet, but in the middle of June UFO activity returned in force up to our cut-off for assembly of this book. If the rest of the year was anything like what we have for June, it would fill another book. Here then is the last of our reports.

17 June 1982, 22:00, Beian County Heilongjiang

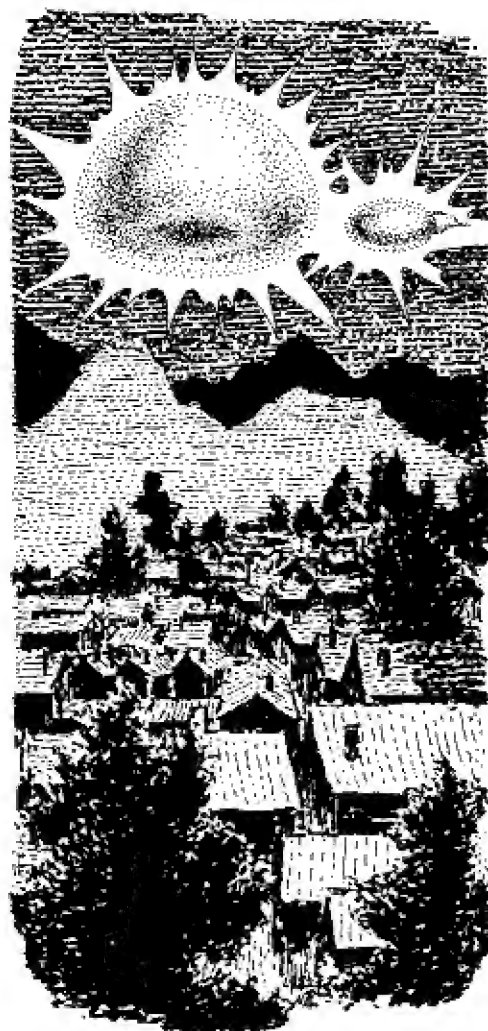
Zhao Hongwei of the 1st Middle School, Beian County, Heilongjiang, submitted the following report: "At 22:00 hours local time on the night of June 17, I was wakened by my mother's cry. She told me something strange was happening outside. I got up immediately. Hurrying out, I saw in the sky to my northwest a light blue luminous spherical object the size of a basketball. It was sailing eastward at a speed slightly faster than a man-made satellite. It looked as if encircled by some gas, and as a result its periphery was rather hazy. The object, which gave off a light, suddenly halted in a northeasterly position, then curiously vanished, leaving in the sky a ring of gas about 3 meters in diameter, as shiny as a mirror. Presently the gas ring began to disperse in all directions, and its light dimmed till everything finally was gone. The whole process lasted 7 to 8 minutes. On the next morning my neighbors and acquaintances all claimed they had seen the same sight." Similar reports were received from Xu Liangren and Cai Mingxiao of Inner Mongolia, Ma Guiren and Sima Yuguan of Liaoning and Ren Ye of Heilongjiang.

18 June 1982, 21:10, Great Xinganling Mountain Range

Cao Zhenhe, the Linhai Ribao (Forests Daily) correspondent at Ganhe Forestry Administration, Hu Banner, Inner Mongolia, wrote a detailed report entitled "UFO Over the Great Xinganling" dated June 24th, in which he wrote: "At 9:10 p.m., two huge luminous objects appeared in the sky over Ganhe Township in the middle of the Great Xinganling mountain range. The bigger one gave off a green light in the shape of a radiating ball. Its core could not be seen, and it remained stationary in the air. The other one was smaller but brighter and had an ellipsoid shape with a lustrous train of light. On the whole it looked like a luminous red turnip with a tilting tail. A cadre from the county's forestry administration told the author the following: "That night I was going home from a friend's house when the sky was suddenly lit up. I saw two radiantly luminous bodies in the sky to the west. The smaller one kept revolving, and



17 June 1982, 22:00, Beian County, Heilongjian Prov.



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18 June 1982, 21:10, Ganhe Township, Great Xinganling Mountain Range.

giving out a light which was green and at intervals a golden-red. In about 40 minutes the larger one vanished, and towards 10 o'clock the smaller one also went out of sight. Ten minutes the same objects reappeared again, this time remaining in sight for more than an hour."

18 June 1982, 21:57, North China

The Journal of UFO research published a report of an aerial encounter with a UFO by pilots of the Chinese Air Force. A group of 5 jet fighter aircraft were on air patrol over North China when, at about 21:57, their aircraft electrical power systems began to malfunction and their communications and navigational systems failed. Suddenly they encountered an unidentified flying object of a milky yellowish-green luminous color, and about the size of a full moon. It was first seen as an oval nebulous glow in the sky. They were forced to return to base because of the equipment failures. The object enlarged in size and picked up speed. It began to look as big as a mountain of mist. Then black spots were seen in the interior of the phenomenon. One pilot said in his report, "When I first saw the object, it flew toward me at a high rate of speed as it whirled rapidly. While it was rotating it generated rings of light. In the center of the light ring was fire. In ten seconds the center of the ring exploded, then the body of the object expanded rapidly." The other 4 pilots also wrote reports of the experience, which were published in the first issue of The Journal Of UFO Research with sketches on pages 10 and 11 as shown.

18 June 1982, 22:05, Manzhouli City

He Zizhi, a technician of the Railway Power Bureau, Manzhouli City, supplied a vivid description of a UFO incident: "At 22:05 on June 18, 1982, Chen Chengjun and two other night shift workers was the sudden rise of a red light from the horizon. It shot up like a stream of crimson sparks, and was followed by two radiant flying

度。我看物体不扩大，也不向我靠拢，无线电经其它飞机传话也能听到了，心里也感到踏实多了。我在用大部分精力保持正常飞行状态的情况下，始终注意观察物体的变动。我远航飞行5分钟，物体右下方的那个竖着的长形块突然消失，消失的位置上出现了空白。紧接着物体中又出现了几块黑影，从我左后方移向右后方（见图7）速度较快，为了防止飞机产生状态变化和颠簸，在黑影块快到我右后方时，我转入仪表保持状态，黑影很快从机翼旁掠过，

没有出现我所担心的现象。黑影掠过约10秒钟，消失的那个竖着的长形块又重新在物体空白位置上出现，角度大小和原来一样，只是颜色比原来淡些，但和整个物体相比，仍然十分明显。在距机场40公里时，我和地面联络通了。22点36分，我安全落地。落地后还能看到物体消失的轮廓，但已很模糊了。

目击人 空军航空兵某部飞行员

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1982年6月23日

## 夜空长、僚机同时

### 目击不明飞行物

#### ——目击记之二

1982年6月18日21点57分，我和飞行员罗××双机编队起飞，在怀安镇上空进行编队科目。我担任长机，罗是僚机。当时由于我处于长机位置，精力很充沛。大约飞了8、9分钟后，在我们飞双机上升转弯动作的时候，突然发现了一个红家伙从北部地平线位置上冒出，既象十五的月亮，又象早晨初升的太阳，目测有篮球大小。开始我以为是月亮，但转念一

想，不但时间不对，方位也不对。在我思索的同时，看到那个月亮似的发红物体的外围有一缕东西，好象黑云，又好象个黑圆圈，在围绕著它的中心旋转、上升，变化越来越大，颜色也由红变淡，呈现出乳白色。它在变化时，就好象气球充气一样，一下子变成了一个巨型半圆体，底边界线不清。由于是夜间双机飞行，需要照顾编队，我的精力没有全部用来观察。小罗也看到了这一景象，他和我都感觉那个物体在向我们扑来。事后小罗对我说：“当时我感到那

个物体对我们威胁很大，编队比较困难，简直就象朝我们扑来，我对长机的状态判断，也产生了错觉。”面对这一突然情况，我们从6,000米立即下降到3,000米，还是避不开。我立即向塔台指挥员报告，可是无线电发射不出去。当时我没有考虑到是它的影响，以为是送话器松动或位置靠下，我向上移动，还是听不到指挥员的回答。我考虑继续编队僚机一定很困难，便决定停止科目，右转弯返航。这时突然听到了僚机的口令：“不要右转，右转就进去了！”僚机的口令刚落，就听到了飞行指挥员对我们的呼叫：“××，它（指空中的那个物体）的位置在你们的北部，你们正常回来，僚机注意编好队！”我回答，“明白”。我们俩这才松了一口气，心里也踏实多了。22点38分，我们在没有完成预定飞行科目的情况下双机顺利安全地返场降落了。着陆后再

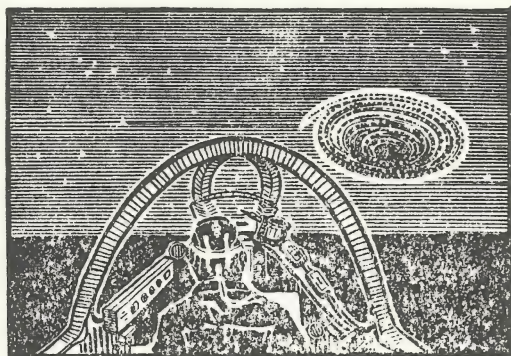


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18 June 1982, 21:57, North China Military Frontier.



观察，那个物体已经扩散，边缘也很模糊了。

目击人 空军航空兵某部飞行员

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1982年6月23日

## 飞行指挥员的叙述

### 目击记之三

1982年6月18日晚，我部组织夜航训练，我担任飞行指挥员。当晚是少云天气，在我能见的空间均为碧空。开飞

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一些，我亦有空稍微轻松一下，便将视线从飞行指挥计划纸上移向繁星点点的夜空。我一抬头，发现正前方的山顶上突然出现一朵蘑菇状“怪云”，其边缘很齐，如同一个巨大的气球的顶部。我颇感奇怪：天气一直很好，为何空中一云独现而又如此特别，是否天气要变坏？在很短的时间里，这朵“怪云”迅速矗立在我们指挥塔台前上方，照那速度发展下去，很快就要向我们指挥塔台压过来。“不对！这不是云！”刚轻松的心情突然紧张起来。这时正准备返

航着陆的教练机上的蔡××向我呼叫：“××，我右边是块什么东西？它正向我们扑来！”我马上回答：“我看到了，你们要避开它！”当时空中共有5架飞机，分别在周围上空。由于那个“怪云”强烈放电，无线电联络受到了严重干扰，因此，我越来越担心他们能否安全着陆，但我更担心的是远离机场的飞行员刘××，他和我失掉了联络。时间一秒一秒地过去，突然无线电断断续续地传来刘××的报告。我立即命令：“××返航，航向××度！”我接连重

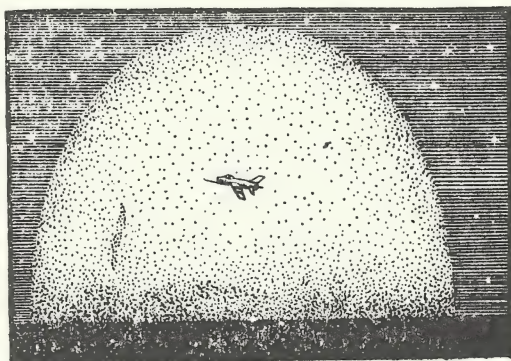


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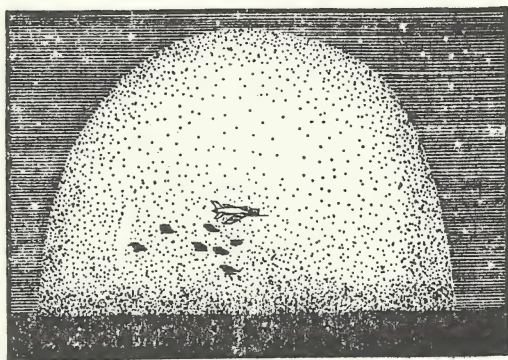


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balls of light, one red and the other blue. A dazzling white star flew out from one of the balls of light, and this in turn discharged a fast swirling circle of white light which grew larger and larger and flashed rays toward the east. Surrounded by the circle of white light with a yellow tinge, the radiant star moved revolving towards the east, projecting a fan-like white light in the direction of its advance. By 22:10 the star disappeared abruptly. The whole process was silent."

18 June 1982, 22:05, Great Xinganling Prefecture,  
Heilongjiang Province

Bian Sen of the Mechanized Road Construction Brigade, Great Xinganling Prefecture submitted this report: "About 22:05 on June 18, 1982, a strange radiant object appeared in the sky to the northwest of our region. It flew upward while discharging an evenly spread white mist downward. It was somewhat ellipsoid in shape, about 30 centimeters across (apparent), and of a luminous orange color. It halted its ascent at about 60 degrees elevation. Its train of glowing mist gave a shake, and a marvel followed. The radiant object was immediately surrounded by a circle of white mist. In the meantime the radiant object began to change itself. It dimmed down in the center, its periphery giving out a dzzzzling phosphorescent light (a bluish-green and white). Viewed through my 5X binoculars I found that the object had distinct edges, and there were small glowing dots unevenly aligned along its circumference like portholes on the hull of a giant globe. The white glowing circle grew larger and larger and vanished in 30 minutes. Then the radiant object began to move toward the south and it began to change into the shape of a broom, with a bulb-like bright core forming the head. At first it stood vertically, the bigger end up and the tail pointed down, then it shifted slowly to a horizontal position and remained in the southwest sky. (Other observers claimed that not long after the appearance of the white ring they saw another glowing object nearby which looked like a torch.) By 22:50 the radiant object disappeared into the distance. It was silent throughout.

18 June 1982, 22:10, Bishui Forestry Center

Wang Hongfei, squad leader of Gulian Brigade of the Heilongjiang Armed Forestry Police; Yan Mingus, driver of the same unit; and Ye Yongjin, Principal of Zhangling Public School, stated in their joint report: "At 1 P.M. on June 18, 1982, we started off from Zhangling on a survey trip. We drove along the highway to a point about 150 'li' southwest of the guardhouse on Xalu Mountain where the altitude was 1,396 meters above sea level. At about 10:10 p.m., when we were some 15 'li' from Bishui Forestry Center, we suddenly saw a beam of light shooting up from behind the hill. It was about 300 meters away, and its color was a mixture of grey, white and yellow. We stopped to look. Rising higher and higher the light beam turned into a spiral, growing bigger as it rose, its color turning creamy-yellow. At the summit of the column of light was a white plate-like object about 30 to 40 centimeters in diameter and dazzlingly bright. The spiral beam of light coiled 3 to 4 rounds like a volute spring. The plate-like object at the top stood at an elevation of 40 degrees with the ground. It revolved counter-clockwise, making a buzzing sound. Just a moment later the bright object shot up into the sky, emitting a train of blue light and flew northeastward. In another 7 minutes it disappeared in the distance. From later inquiries of inhabitants around the area we learned that the apparition was seen by hundreds, and that the blue light remained for about an hour before it vanished."

18 June 1982, 22:00, Dongcheng Commune, Lilong County

Zheng Shicheng of Dongcheng Commune, Lilong County, wrote: "About 10 p.m. on June 18, 1982, when the film 'Campaign In Shanghai' had just ended, the audience saw a moon-like circular object rise in the northeast. It was very bright and had a tinge of red color. It rose straight up, and in about a minute's time suddenly shot out of sight." Another theater audience in an outdoor cinema group in Zhixin Commune in Yanji County saw a moon-like object moving at great speed in the sky. The night was cloudless and visibility good.



18 June 1982, 22:10, 15 Li from Bishui Forestry Center.

18 June 1982, 22:12, Urgiham Forest

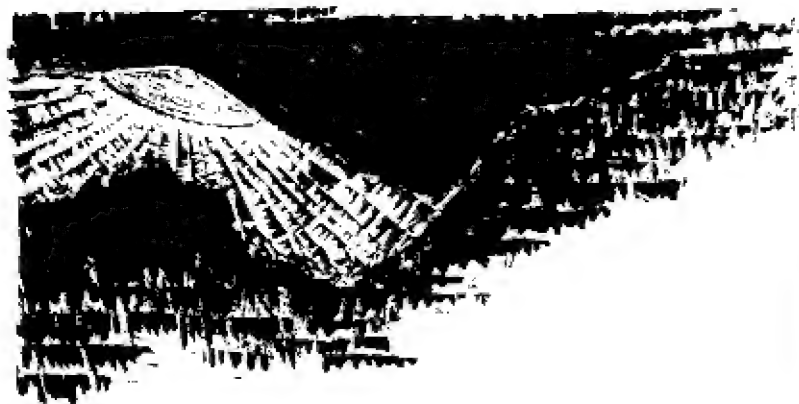
In a report titled "Observation of UFO" that was prepared by Hou Wenlong and others of the Urgiham Forest Center of the Urgiham Forestry Administration, we read the following: "At 10:12 p.m. June 18, 1982, we were all walking past the clinic when we saw a red light behind the mountains to the north. We suspected a fire. Suddenly a luminous red plate rose up from behind the mountains. It went up at a moderate speed, like the flight of a withered leaf. It reached an altitude where it became the size of a man's fist, stayed 4 to 5 seconds and ejected a puff of radiant cloud which illuminated the sky around it. Suddenly it whipped past us at a tremendous speed, and finally vanished after giving off a revolving ball of smoke. The smoke remained in the air for another hour."

18 June 1982, 22:53, Changkong County

Jiang Haipo of Lishui Middle School, Changkong County wrote a report titled "Unidentified Flying Object Over Songliao Plain" in which he states: "At 10:53 p.m. June 18 1982, when we were watching an outdoor filmshow, the speaker suddenly went off, and somebody shouted: 'Fireball! Fireball!' I looked up and saw in the northeast sky, an object quite like the full moon in size, brightness and color. It moved in a southeasterly direction, grew bigger as it came nearer, till it became the size of a rising sun. Its light also intensified till it almost equaled the sun. The flight was silent and its speed tremendous. The clouds looked ablaze with the illumination. In about 3 minutes it vanished in the southeast."

18 June 1982, 22:15, Kangping County, Liaoning

Liu Huiming of the Grain Bureau, Teiling Prefecture wrote: "It was June 18, 1982, when I was home on leave at Kangping County, Liaoning Province, that I saw a strange sight. At 22:15 my wife, who went out of the



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18 June 1982, 22:12, Urgihan Forestry Center.

room to empty her toilet basin, dashed back and called to me in a terrified tone: 'Come out and look!' I rushed out and she pulled me round and pointed. I looked up and saw a big ring of light hanging vertically in the sky to the north of Kangping, the County Seat. It was about 40 to 50 meters in diameter. Its bottom seemed to touch the earth. Its dazzling light obscured the dim stars. The ring of light had very clear edges. Two minutes later it grew so large as to reach about 100 meters across while the light dimmed. It sailed from west to east and after 3 minutes went out of sight."

19 June 1982, 05:00, Urgiban Forest

Hou Wenlong continued his report: "At 5 a.m. many workers at the Forestry Administration's construction site observed a huge luminous object in the eastern sky. Its color was light green. It was summer in northern China when the day begins at an early hour, so it was already broad daylight when the UFO appeared. It had to be extremely bright to be visible. When this object vanished another was seen, also very bright."

The 18 June incidents drew attention throughout all of northern China. Yet before this excitement abated, another round of intense UFO activity began only eight days later on 25 June, in the skies of Xinjiang. Whether these two flaps are actually the same one extended over more time will have to wait until sufficient reporting is in to see if the gap is filled with other events.

25 June, 1982, 00:37, Karami City, Xinjiang

Wu Guangfu of the Baiquankou Geology Brigade, Kerami City, wrote: "At 37 minutes after mid-night on June 25th a plate-like luminous flying body appeared over Baiquankou. Two thousand workers at an outdoor filmshow witnessed its silent flight over our heads. It gave off a blue light, with a ring of weaker brightness round it and a very long fan-like glowing tail. Suddenly the glowing object began to whirl, continued the motion for

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18 June 1982, 22:53, Songliao Plain, Changkung County.

about 40 seconds, and then changed into the shape of a straw-hat the size of a toilet basin. Then it vanished in the east."

25 June 1982, 00:35, Karami City, Xinjiang

Fan Taiyue of the Geology Brigade, Well Drilling Department, Karami City submitted this account: "At 00:35 June 25, 1982, a flying plate flew over from southwest to northeast. Its center was a spot of dazzling white light. On the periphery was a circle of broom-like rays angled clockwise around the edge. The center of the body was white, with inconspicuous red, yellow and green traces around it. The object had a large train of white mist behind it. It came as near as 1,000-1,500 meters from us, at an altitude of some 500 meters. It went out of sight one minute later."

25 June 1982, 00:40, Mount Genghis Khan, Xinjiang

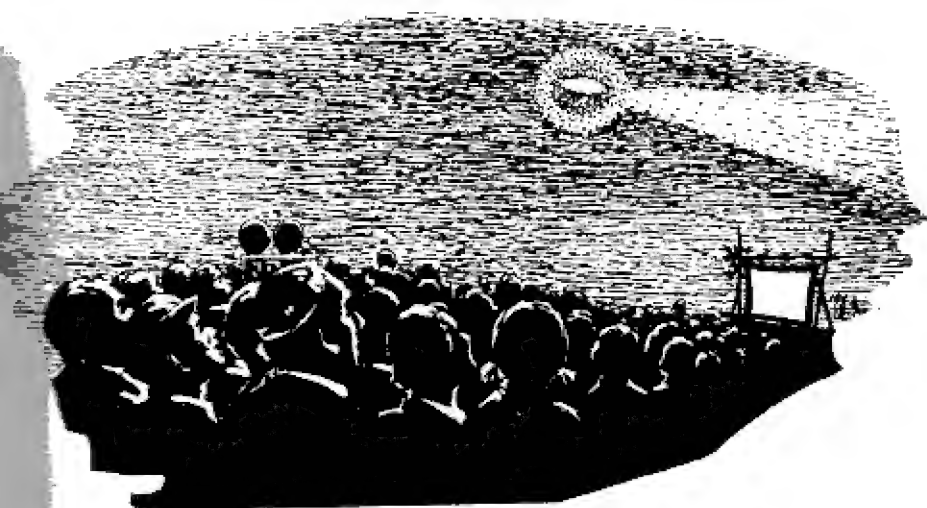
Ouyang Qiu of the Geology Department, Kerami Petrol Bureau reported: "On 25 June 1982, which was the 5th of the 5th moon by the Chinese classical calendar, at 00:40 hours in the morning, when the new moon had just set behind the mountain in the west, my sister's 5-year-old son, Dingding, was the first to spot a bright "star" outside. Then it was seen by my daughter Jounjuen, who was seven. Their cries led our eyes to the sky. I saw above Mt. Genghis Khan a bright flying object that looked like a plate the size of a football. It was sailing from west to eastward. It was very bright in the centre, silvery white in color and creamy yellow toward the edge. It had the brightness of the moon sheltered by light cloud, and had a fan-like luminous train behind it. It flew along an orbit parallel with the horizon, going against the wind. The speed was very fast, about twice to three times that of a jet airplane, but it was silent. The object became dim as it went farther away, at last vanishing in the east, but the glowing trail remained for five more minutes. Many saw this and night construction workers shouted in excitement at the sight.





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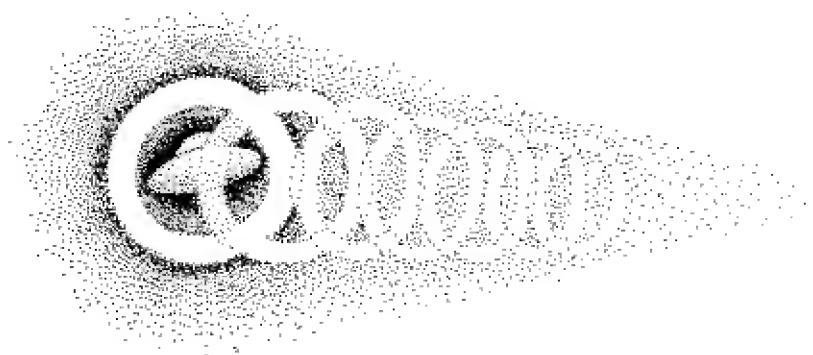
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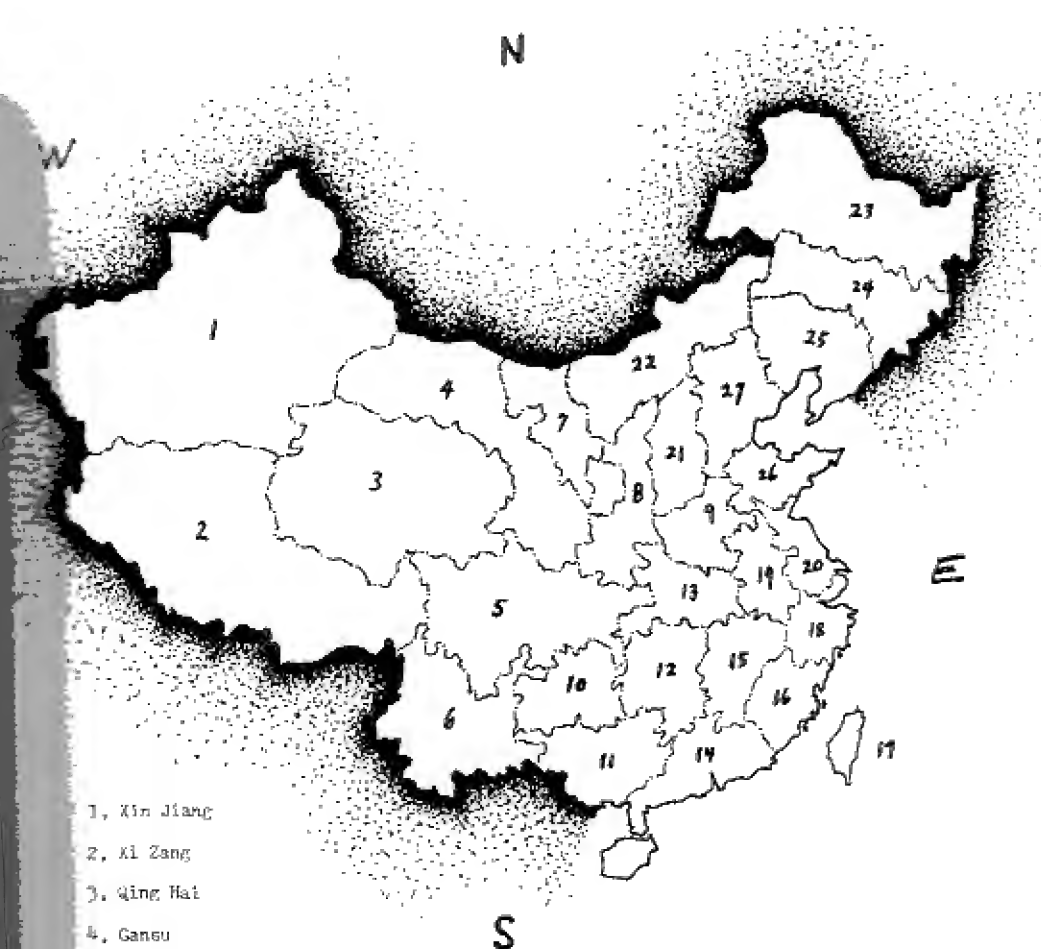
25 June 1982, 00:41, Karami City, Xin Jiang Province. (4)

25 June 1982, 00:41, Karami City, Xinjiang

Wang Jingyu of the 1st Exploration Office, Survey Exploration Institute, Karami City wrote: "At 00:41 on June 25, 1982, I heard a loud cry from outside my house. I rushed outside and saw a strange flying object in the sky going from west to east. Looking carefully I found it to be a ring of light about one meter across. Its position was perpendicular to the horizon. In its center was a flattened luminous mass some 20 to 30 centimeters in diameter (apparent size) giving off a light quite like that of an incandescent lamp. It had a spiral shaped ring around it. In a moment the bright central spot disappeared, and the outside ring vanished more slowly.



25 June 1982, 00:37, Karami City, Xin Jiang Province



1, Xin Jiang

2, Xi Zang

3, Qing Hai

4, Gansu

5, Sichuan

6, Yunnan

7, Ningxia

8, Shaanxi

9, Henan

10, Gui Zhou

11, Guang Xi

12, Hunan

13, Hubei

14, Guang Dong

15, Jiang Xi

16, Fujian

17, Taiwan

18, Zhe Jiang

19, Anhui

20, Jiang Su

21, Shan Xi

22, Nei Ming Gu (Inner Mongolia)

23, Hei Long Jiang

24, Jilin

25, Liao Ning

26, Shan Dong

27, Hebei



# UFO——一个不解的“世界之谜”

恒 炎

今年十月二十三日，在大洋洲上空发生了一件怪事：二十岁的澳大利亚飞行员瓦伦弟奇，在一次天气晴朗的夜间飞行中，向地面报告，发现一个发绿光的庞然大物朝他飞来。几秒钟后，无线电中传来爆炸声，瓦伦弟奇连同他的飞机一起消失了。

这是最新发生的一次UFO事件。所谓UFO，就是未经探明的空中飞行物的三个英文字（Unidentified Flying Object）的简称，也被叫做飞碟。从一九四七年以来，这种来历不明的空中飞行物的超常现象，一直使人困惑不解。它不仅吸引了世界各国好奇的人，而且也引起了各国科学家们的重视和研究。不少国家建立了官方的或民间的研究“UFO”的组织和团体，注意观察和研究这个至今人们还不了解的神秘的空中“怪物”。

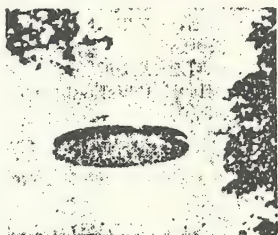
早在一九四八年，美国空军部门就设立了研究UFO的专门技术情报部门。一九六九年，美国空军结束了长达二十二年之久的研究，发表了八千四百页的报告，记录了一万二千六百一十八件目击者的事例。后来，美国空军又把这项研究工作委托给科罗拉多大学继续进行，拨款三十一万三千美元。据报道，苏联也由“地球大气圈外智力活动联络委员会”负责专门研究飞碟问题。在日本，有“空中飞碟研究会”等组织，并且出版发行一种专门研究UFO的月刊。

对于UFO是否确有其事的问题，目前尚有不少人持怀疑和否定的态度，但世界各地报告看到UFO的事件，仍然相继发生。到目前为止，自称为UFO的目击者，已

包括军警人员、科学工作者、飞机驾驶员与乘务员、普通市民和学生等。

这里不妨介绍几则国外报刊报道过的UFO目击者的例子：

一九四八年一月七日，在美国肯塔基州某基地上空发现UFO，曼特尔空军上尉驾驶野马式战斗机追踪。他在机上报告说，该物体是金属性的巨大物体，当他继续追踪时，飞机忽然失去联络坠毁。



上图为UFO的照片，原载今年九月十日的日本《读卖周刊》

一九五八年一月十六日，在巴西以东大西洋上的孤岛特立尼达，有一些国家的气象科学家正在该岛从事“地球观测年”的气象观测工作。中午前后，忽然有一个土星型的UFO从海上飞来，绕岛空一圈后飞去，看到的人很多，有人还把它的拍成照片，经严格检查后发表出来。据说这是UFO出现以来可靠性较大的一次照片。

一九六四年四月二十四日，美国新墨西哥州的一名警官在执勤时，目击白色蛋形的UFO降落在山丘上，后来又轰然一声向空中飞去，地面上留下草木烧焦了的痕迹。

此外，在瑞士、西班牙、日本、

智利等国，都不断有看到UFO的报告。一九七八年五月一日，伊朗设拉子一名十六岁的学生萨亚迪波耳，在清晨四时发现了UFO，经过一个多月的观察和等待，于六月十三日再次见到这种飞行物，并摄下了照片。……

尽管UFO的目击者不断出现，但迄今为止，在世界上并没有形成一种绝对的权威观点，因为UFO不是那种可以再现的或者至少经常发生的事物，没有检验的标准，所以对此，信者认为有，疑者认为无。

持否定态度的科学家认为，很多报告是不可相信的。UFO并不存在，只不过是人的幻觉而已，目击者看到的可能是天空中的流星、气球、探照灯光在云彩中的反射或者是火箭等等，以讹传讹，越传越奇。

UFO今天仍然是一个“世界之谜”。在去年UFO发现三十周年的时候，在墨西哥和美国曾举行过大型活动，集中了世界的科学家和研究者，讨论和研究有关UFO的问题。为了进一步搞清UFO的实体，不久前，加勒比海上的岛国格林纳达首相向联合国提出由联合国设置调查机构来调查UFO的提案，建议由联合国宣布一九七八年为“国际UFO年”。

UFO的问题，实际上涉及人类在宇宙是否是孤单地存在的问题。日本宇宙考古学家高坂利勉认为，“要在地球上建设象宇宙那样高度文明的社会，地球人对宇宙必须更大地打开心胸，这样的时代正在现实地到来。”随着科学技术的发展和时间的推移，如果确实存在UFO的实体、存在宇宙人，那末终有一天会解开这个“世界之谜”的。



国际科技漫谈

First UFO article published in the People's Daily (largest official news Paper) on 13 Nov 1979.



“飞碟”（又称UFO——不明空中飞行物）之谜早已在国内外引起普遍重视和认真研究，而我们中国人民知之甚少。最近报刊、电台总算开了些小窗，广大读者和听众方始有了“天外奇谈”，引起了广泛兴趣，大大活跃了思想，渐次有了我国的飞碟目击报告。

中国科学院古人类研究所的裴振新同志向记者证实：一九七七年秋，他和科学院一些同志正在湖北神农架林区考察“野人”。一天傍晚七时左右，他正在开调查会，突然一个中学生神色紧张地闯进来，报告天上出现了一个“怪物”。当裴振新等人涌出户外，“怪物”已飞过了山梁，许多目睹者仍在议论纷纷。当时天还不黑，天空晴朗无云，月亮尚未出山。老翁一致证实：刚才飞经他们头顶的东西是圆形的，看起来有点盆大，发出黄白色亮光，一边慢慢地旋转，一边往前飞，速度不快，它的边缘沿切线方向喷出火苗，没有听见响声。目击时间大约一分钟。此外，山西介休洗染厂的电

## “飞

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郭新炎

在内蒙古四子王旗当民办教师的知识青年，都亲眼见过飞碟。后两个报告是集体目睹的，部队同志当时还派摩托车追赶过飞碟。他们描述的“不明飞行物”和国外报道的飞碟十分相似。部队的同志报告说，他们看到的那个“怪物”象月亮似的圆球，周围喷出许多雾状的“气体”，“在空中停留数秒钟后，喷出强烈的雾状烟云，上升一些高度，又停留数秒钟，再喷出烟云，再上升一定高度停留数秒钟”，然后飞走了。

从大量有关“飞碟”的目击报告来看，有以下儿个问题值得注意：

一、所有目击者对飞碟的外形、火焰颜色、性能的描述都大体相似。外形，大多是扁圆形、球形或雪茄形；看起来象是金属材料制成的。火焰颜色：红、蓝、白，冒出烟或

雾。性能：飞行速度能很快、极慢；能在空中停留；能直角转弯；能反方向飞行；能中断无线电通讯和雷达运转。一九七八年十一月九日，在科威特出现的飞碟事件就是一个例子。科威特公安局局长还发表了声明予以证实。

二、目击者不仅有市民、警察、工人、农民、教师、学生、教师、飞行员、宇航员以及对太空船和它的设计相当熟悉的工程师，乃至一些国家的元首。飞碟事件遍及全世界，尤以拉丁美洲为最多，据说那里的人对外星球文明生物来访的观念很深。

三、弄虚作假的UFO目击者和所谓目击者被发现过，但也有许多目击者受到怀疑论者的舆论压力，只反映情况，不肯透露姓名。有许多UFO照片直到目前还不能说是假的。

利用自然、改造自然首先要认识自然，揭示自然界的奥秘正是科学研究的神圣职责。科学家们断定飞碟不可能是目前地球上人类的产物，猜测它可能是地球外文明生物的使者。真是“啼空一鹤排云上，便引诗情到碧霄”。

据美国宇宙空间科学家多尔的计算，仅银河系中适于生物演化的恒星就大约有一百七十亿个，而在这些恒星系中，可能有一百四十万颗行星可供生物居住，其中也许有三十二万颗行星已经有了智慧生命。虽然科学家的估算方法各不相同，数字出入也比较大，但是结论几乎是一致的：生命最由物理规律和化学规律的作用产生的，生命是整个宇宙的正常现象。根据原始地球的恶劣环境，现有地球生命对恶劣环境惊人的忍受力以及地球上已经发现的第二种、第三种生命形式，科学家们推断：外星球“一定存在智慧的生命，也许还有几千种”。因为宇宙间

## 吗？

有些恒星系的稳定照射期比太阳还长，它们的行星在时间上应该具有更多的机会来发展文明。有人猜想，飞碟可能是一种利用磁性动力作反地心吸引力飞行的航具。如果它是接近光速飞行的光子火箭，那么根据爱因斯坦相对论原理，从地球上九光年远的天狼星往返一趟，在光子火箭里的宇宙人看来只是过了一个白天。正是考虑到外星行星存在高级文明生命的可能，美国先后向宇宙空间发射了四艘带有金属标记和“地球之音”镀金唱片等礼物的宇宙飞船，还利用射电望远镜向“宇宙人”发出了包含各种信息的无线电信号。如果真的有“宇宙人”取得了联系，人类的文明也许会出现在于想象的飞跃。



科学小品

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# PART II

## TAIWAN

Taiwan is a large island in the South China Sea off the east coast of the China Mainland. Including its nearby islands it covers 13,885 square miles of surface area, a little larger than the state of Maryland, and is the home of over 8 million inhabitants of Chinese descent.

The island was under Chinese rule until 1895 when the Japanese occupied it as a result of a war with China. The island was returned to China in 1945, after World War II. It became the last stronghold of the Chinese Nationalist government when they were driven from the China Mainland in 1949 by the forces of the New Peoples Republic of China.

The island is considered Chinese by both sides and is therefore a part of this report.

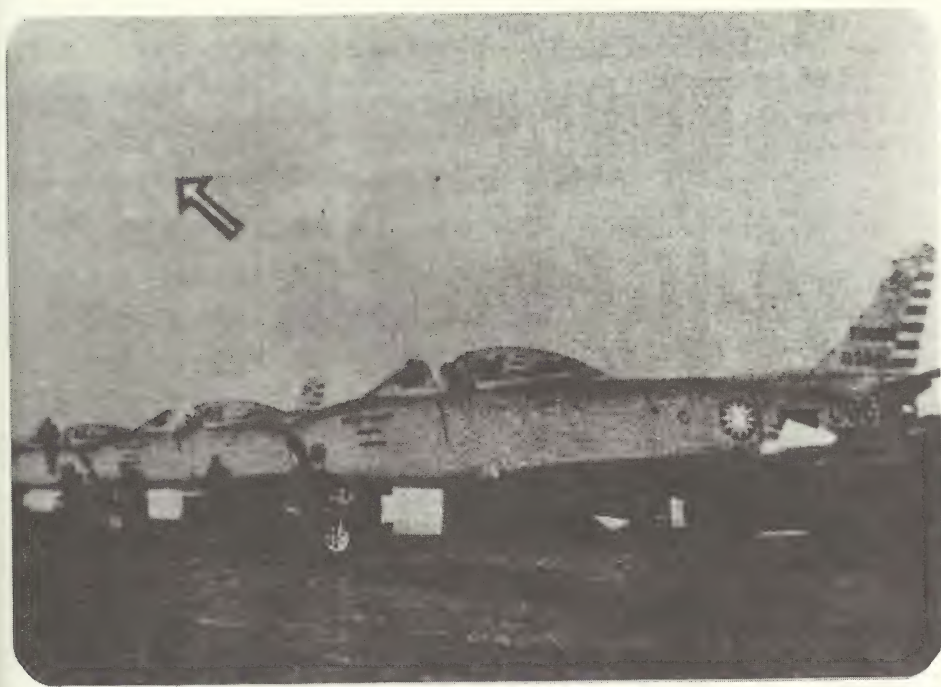
The Taiwan UFO flaps, or high activity periods, seem to generally coincide with those of the eastern mainland, which may in fact show that the extraterrestrials make no distinction among the Chinese. We pick up the island reporting with their first reported sighting in 1956. Please remember that in this part of the world nearly *all* sightings went unreported for a very many years, and that those cases reported provide no measure of the reality of the phenomenon here.



On the lunar New Year's Eve 1957, Mr. Liao Hsi-hsin, who was living at Chin-shuei Chen, Taiwan then, went downtown with his father and two uncles to have their hair trimmed. At about 9 o'clock that evening, with various things newly bought for the occasion, they returned on two bicycles. All of a sudden, a beam of strong light poured down on them from the sky behind. Scared, they fell on the ground and looked back. At the height of a 5-floor building, a reddish, saucer-like object was flying across. A little later, the light vanished, and so did the flying object. It is an unusual experience which he shall never forget.



In the late afternoon of an undetermined day in 1964 a number of white spherical objects appeared in the sky over the air base and were photographed by a witness. The round objects looked like bright indistinct balls of mist as they flew down the flightline of parked F-86 Sabrejet Fighters. A Tainan Sabre-Jet pilot who pursued a UFO near the airbase offered the following Chinese proverb: "What is supported by the Heavens can not be broken", meaning that it is beyond human power to try to conquer what is maintained by the Heavens. The UFO sightings seem to be more prevalent in the southern part of Taiwan. There is a legend of "Space Brothers" transmitted among the Yami tribe of Hungtou Hsu which explains the history of their particular symbols.



1964, Tainan Air Base, Tainan, Taiwan. A number of airplane-sized white spherical objects appeared over the flight line of the air base as ground crews worked a line of parked F-86 Jet Fighter aircraft.

A student in Taitung who did not want to be identified said in a letter that one day in 1975 when he was in the 12th grade, about a week before the final examination of the first semester, he got up at about 4:00 a.m. to prepare for the test. After having washed his face, he sat by the window reading. When suddenly, without any special reason, he held up his head and looked out of the window, he saw a shining object flying swiftly across the sky. He watched it for five minutes until it was hidden by the distant mountains. He said it was bigger and brighter than the stars in the night sky. An artificial satellite cannot be so big and bright and an airplane cannot fly without a noisy engine, he did not know what it was.

2 May 1977, Yun-lin Hsien, Taiwan

17:45

At about 5:45 p.m. May 2, 1977, Chen Je-shen, a student of Mailiao Junior High school in Yun-lin Hsien (third grade, class D), was on the porch with his classmates. It was an evening without moon or star. He looked up casually and saw a 5cm-radius round flying object. It was shining bright with golden light, moving in straight line in the southwest sky. He immediately asked another classmate Liu Shuan-hsi to come over and take a look. It was not until 6:10 p.m. that this flying object disappeared with a spray of mist.

*(Analysis) It might be a high-altitude weather balloon, but balloon cannot move in straight line or spray mist.*

17 February 1978, Taichung, Taiwan

17:28

When Tang Ta-tung, a senior in chemistry at Chung-hsin University, stepped out of the dormitory at 5:28 p.m., he saw a light spot at the southwest of the moon at a  $1^\circ$  angle. I thought it was the star Jupiter, for Jupiter was very bright then. Therefore I did not pay much attention. At 5:30 p.m., I reached the entrance of the school and noticed the relative position of the spot and the moon already changed. The spot was east to the moon at a  $7^\circ$ - $8^\circ$  angle. I came upon a friend of mine then, and we both went to the observatory of the university and observed it with a telescope 6 cm in caliber. The spot had moved to the east of the moon at a  $10^\circ$  angle. And we found another light spot south to the moon at a  $10^\circ$  angle. Then we used a magnifier which could make things 20 times as large. We saw it was a small saucer with two or three opaque stripes. At that crucial moment, the telescope was unluckily turned a bit. The spot could not be found again."

Tang Ta-tung  
5, Alley 31, Lane 365,  
Kuo-kuang Road, Taichung.

On February 17, 1978, while riding a motorcycle from home to the field to take my father back, I saw in the sky 11 star-like objects flying east from the west in very low speed, glimmering like stars. Around the moon, there were another three or four, which disappeared one by one. It was 5:30 p.m. then. And I kept on watching till 6:05 p.m. when all these star-like objects turned yellowish red and flew away one after another with sparkling trails like rockets. That singular sight lasted for 35 minutes altogether.

I am puzzled by that event, so I write to ask if they are the so-called UFOs in certain books.

\*I and my three sisters witnessed that spectacle together.

Lin Yung-hsiang

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Village, Tai-ping Hsiang, Taichung

## Chinese say UFOs have visited for 900 years

UFOs have been making bizarre visits to China for an incredible 900 years. Chinese authorities told The NEWS in an exclusive report.

Despite an official government news blackout on all types of UFO stories, reliable witnesses in China have reported encounters with unexplained flying objects.

Incredibly, one report was made 900 years ago by the famed Chinese scientist and scholar Shen Kua, who lived in Yangzhou along the Yangtze River.

On cloudy days, residents of the city reported that "a big pearl" would appear from a marsh and slowly hover over a nearby lake.

"My friend had a study on the lake," wrote Shen Kua. "One night the 'pearl' came very near to him and the hinged double shell which was round, opened slightly.

"The shell opened still wider... inside the shell was the 'pearl' as big as a fist. The light

it emitted was as bright as silver, dazzling the eyes.

"All the trees for several miles around had their shadows cast on the ground... The shell left suddenly, as though flying through the waves. It seemed to be surrounded by flames."

Professor Zhang Longqiao of the Xuzhou Teachers College says he believes this was a sighting of a UFO.

"From the speed of its flight," he said, "it seemed to have been equipped with a propulsion system much more advanced than anything we have — even today."

Just two years ago, Chinese Air Force pilot Zhou Qumton described a UFO encounter near an airfield in northwest China.

Zhou and other pilots who were sitting outside watching a movie were stunned by the sudden appearance of a massive, glowing object moving across the sky.

"It passed over our heads at an estimated height of 21,000 feet at a slow speed and it disappeared behind a row of one-

story houses about 200 feet from where we were standing," he recalled.

"The object seemed to have two huge, searching lights in front and a bright sunlight

"The lengths of the columns of light kept changing, creating a sort of misty haze around the object.

"We did not know what it was and it was the main topic of discussion for several days."

Less than a year earlier in July of 1977, astronomer Zhang Zhousheng and several of his colleagues at the Yunnan Observatory spotted a strange glowing object.

"The object was yellow at the core from which a giant spiral extended," said Zhang. "It was very bright even in the moonlight and the color was greenish blue.

"This big object moved from north to west and nine minutes later it disappeared in the clouds.

People who were watching an outdoor movie nearby later claimed to have spotted the same object.

4 September 1978, Taipei, Taiwan

05:46

Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory said yesterday that a group of unidentified flying objects, including two triangle-shaped shining ones and 9 smaller followers, were seen moving in the sky of Miao-li area for about 50 minutes.

According to the Observatory, Mr. Chung Kao-chium, who lives at 115, Kung-chin Li, Miao-li Hsien, reported that at 5:46 a.m. September 4, 1978, he saw in the southeast sky a group of sparkling flying objects. Two of them were triangle-shaped and brighter than the others. The sky was already very clear then, but their appearance was still rather conspicuous. They were moving constantly till 6:05 a.m., their light became weak and the smaller objects were not to be seen any longer. But the big ones kept on moving till 6:35 a.m. when they disappeared completely.

Half a month ago, Mr. Chung and his grandmother saw some flying objects of a similar sort too. It was about 5:30 a.m. A big shining thing with 5 smaller ones were flying swiftly in the sky with sudden halts now and then. And the leading one was brighter than the moon.

10 September 1978, Taipei, Taiwan

02:45

At 2:45 a.m. September 10, 1978, a Taipei citizen, while walking near the Young Men's Association on Kuen-ming Street, Wan-hua, saw four unidentified sparkling objects flying from Mt. Kuan-yin area toward Yuan-shan. All of them were trapezoid in shape. They vanished after three minutes. Mr. Tsai Hsien-chang, Director of Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory, judged the four to be planes, but the witness insisted that they be UFOs, for he used to be a parachutist himself and was able to recognize a plane in the night sky.

28 October 1979, Hua-chung Bridge, Taiwan

Mr. Tsai Chang-hsien, Director of Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory, said he received a phone call from a woman this morning who asserted to have witnessed an UFO case. Her description was similar to that of a Wai-shuang Hsi inhabitant, but the time of her observation was one and a half hours earlier than the latter's.

Ms. Hsu lives at Nan Shi Chiao, Chung-ho. She said on the phone that at 10:30 p.m. October 28, 1979 when she was on Hua-chung Bridge, she saw in the southwest sky a flying object glowing in red light. It was as big as the moon, but brighter, moving in the direction of Tao Yuan. She watched it for one or two minutes and saw its shape changing from round to flat, probably because of changed visual angle. The Observatory has put her words into record.

The first witness who called the Observatory after Ms. Hsu was a citizen in Wai-shuang Hsi. At 12:10 a.m. October 29, he saw a huge dish-like object flying west from the south which once stayed in mid air for one or two minutes. On its edge were many small holes sparkling red. Several employees of the Grand Hotel also mentioned their observation to Mr. Tsai's friends. As to time, place and the objective situation, their reports were quite close to the Wai Shuang Hsi inhabitant's.

29 October 1979, Keelung, Taiwan

12:10

Unidentified flying objects have been successively discovered recently in Taipei and Keelung areas. Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory hopes that other witnesses would supply more detailed information.

According to the Observatory, at 12:10 a.m. October 29, 1979, several citizens reported from Wai-shuang Hsi and Keelung that they saw a huge saucer-like object flying west from the south. It stayed in mid air for more than a minute, then vanished.



They told the Observatory that there were many little holes along the edge of the "saucer", shining red.

Moreover, at 9:30 p.m. October 21, two lovers saw a similar flying object while walking on the beach in Keelung.

As it was cloudy around midnight October 29, The Observatory's first conclusion is that the altitude of that UFO must be below 1,500 meters and that it was over Hsin-chuang area about 6-7 km. west to Yuan-shan.

The Observatory hopes that other witnesses would supply more information as to the exact time of its appearance, its location, elevation angle, brightness, shape, flying condition, color, etc., best with noted illustration.

19 July 1980, Taipei, Taiwan

23:30

At 11:30 p.m. July 19, 1980, when Ms. Sung, who lived on Fu-de Street Taipei, opened up the window to have some fresh air, she saw in the northeast night sky at a 60° elevating angle a sparkling flying object. It was orange, moving west swiftly. At first she thought it was a meteor. But it stopped moving all of a sudden, then rose up vertically and began making short-distance straight movement irregularly in the air.

Ms. Sung immediately called to inform her friends of that unusual sight and many saw the sparkling object. It lingered in the sky for an hour or so until 12:30 a.m. the next morning when it turned yellow, then white, and vanished in the darkness.

9 June 1981, Tao-yuan, Taiwan

16:00

At dusk of June 9, 1981, in the western sky of Taipei appeared 15 UFO-like light spots. In spite of people's trial in every way, the cause of this phenomenon is still unknown. The appearance of unidentified flying objects in a group is very rare in the astronomical history of Taiwan.



This strange phenomenon could be observed from any place in Taipei north to Tao-yuan. According to reports from all sources, it was first seen at 4:00 p.m. and lingered until 7:11 p.m.

According to Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory and the watchtower of Tao-yuan International Airport, the location of these UFOs was above the Taiwan Strait directly in the west and below the star Venus, forming a  $5^{\circ}$  elevation angle with the sea horizon. The brightness of these 15 light spots, which lined up horizontally at  $10^{\circ}$  visual angle in the sky, was between degree 1 and 0.

The strangest aspect of this phenomenon is that the 15 light spots never changed their relative position, but stayed fixed in line in the western sky throughout their 3-hour appearance. As it was dusk, every luminous spot was slightly red.

What is even stranger is that all the observatories, including that of Taipei Sung-shan Airport, admitted that radar could not trace this group of UFOs either.

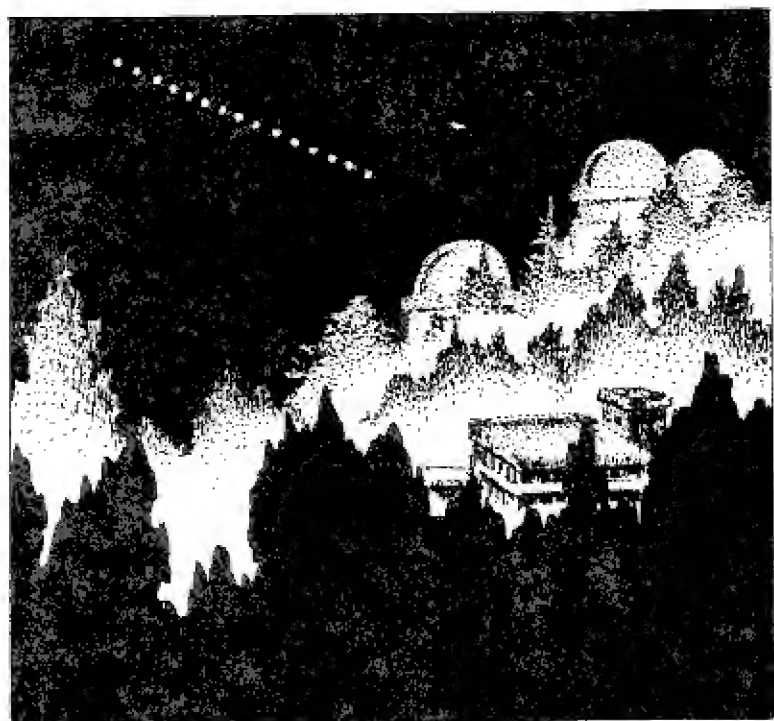
An official in charge of the watchtower of Tao-yuan International Airport said as soon as they perceived that phenomenon late yesterday afternoon, they immediately contacted a Cathay Airliner flying in the nearby sky in the meantime. According to its report, the 15 light spots could be observed with naked eyes at the height of 10,000 feet, which however, the radar of the plane failed to locate.

He also said they could not solve the mystery even after their consultation with the Air Force.

Mr. Tsai Chang-hsien, Director of Taipei Yuan-shan Astronomical Observatory, said he noticed that array of 15 light spots yesterday when he was driving along Taipei Bridge, and he hurried back to the Observatory at once to study the singular astronomical phenomenon.

He said due to the regular rotation of the universe, there should only be two planets, Venus and Mercury, in the western sky of Taiwan at this time of the year. Unfortunately, as the elevation angle those 15 light spots formed was too low, the telescope of the Observatory could not reach them.

In spite of his consultation with other observatories and the information that several citizens supplied over the phone, till 12:00 a.m. last night, Director Tsai was still unable to provide an answer.



*15 June 1981, night, Taipei, yomen*

However, as he pointed out, the so-called unidentified flying objects were not necessarily flying saucers, but only mystery beyond our current knowledge.

The Department of National Defense said that the radar of the Air Force showed no trace of the UFOs discovered in the sky of north Taiwan on June 9, and that there was no military activity in that area at all.

According to the Air Force, there were no flying objects in the sky during the appearance of the 15 light spots, and no trace of any unidentified flying object on their radar. They could neither prove nor explain the appearance of this group of UFOs.

The Department of National Defense also checked with the Army in that area. The latter said there was no shooting practice or any activity of the sort during that period.

Some people suspected that those UFOs might be high-altitude balloons. But as Department of National Defense pointed out there was no airbase for balloons in that area. Besides, the group of UFOs lined up in strict order and did not change their position.

10 June 1981, Taipei, Taiwan

16:00

Fifteen UFOs appeared low in the sky west of Taipei, in a position below Venus, forming a  $5^{\circ}$  angle of elevation with the ground. They showed a degree of brightness between 2 and 1. They moved into a line horizontally at  $10^{\circ}$  visual angle above the horizon. Their relative positions remained unchanged throughout the observation. The observed color was a very light pink shade. Observation units at Taipei's Songshan International Airport failed to paint the objects with their radar. Taiwan Observatory director Cai Zhangxian could not explain them.

13 June 1981, Min-an Li, Chia-li Chen, Taiwan

17:00

On June 13, 1981, an unidentified flying object descended from the sky, sparkling, on a field east of Min-an Li, Chia-li Chen, about 2,000 meters south to the Ma-chia Highway. It was around 5:00 p.m.

According to Mr. Chen Kan-tang, the witness, he and his wife were weeding on the farm next to the Ma-chia Highway when they suddenly heard a wierd sound from above. On looking up, they saw a cone-shaped flying object about three meters in diameter, transparent like a diamond. There seemed to be many light bulbs on it, sparkling all the time, with thickly panelled apparatuses inside. It moved rapidly, revolving by itself, and spread out a curtain of mist in the meantime, which was very spectacular.

Mr. Chen, 52, who lives at 37-1, Tung-ning Li, Chia-li Chen, pointed at a fruit tree, saying that the UFO lowered its speed

while descending, glided to the side of that tree, and touched down, but kept on spinning.

He added that the UFO did not make much noise, but there was a curtain of mist. It spun like a top that children play with, leaving no trace on the ground. About ten minutes later, there suddenly rose a cloud of dust. With increased spinning speed, it flew up northwards, hurried into the clouds in the southern sky, and disappeared in an instant.

15 June 1981, Taipei, Taiwan

Afternoon

Fifteen light spots again appeared over Taipei. They were seen positioned in a straight line at equal intervals of separation. They were sighted also by Cai Zhangxian, director of the Taiwan Observatory in North Taiwan.

A similar array of UFOs was spotted by Yunan Observatory at about the same time.

26 July 1982, Tainan, Taiwan

23:25

At midnight July 26, 1982, an unidentified flying object was seen going north from the southern sky of Tainan. It disappeared in an instant.

At 11:35 p.m. July 26, Mr. Yen Lin, who lives at 56, Lane 109, Jen-ho Road, Tainan, was lying on the balcony of the third floor to refresh himself from the cool air, with his head facing the south. Suddenly in the southern sky at a 45° angle appeared a white line rushing down at him. Getting near, the white line turned into a greyish white object which then disappeared at a 15° angle to the west.

# Taiwan UFO Report

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# **PART III**

## **HONG KONG and MACAO**

Hong Kong and Macao are foreign colonies situated on the east coast of the China mainland, which were acquired by European nations in the past. Their populations are predominantly Chinese however, and they are in fact considered a part of China by both the mainlanders and the administering nations.

Though small in size, both colonies have dense populations and both have reported UFO activity in their areas of control. We have therefore included them in this special report.

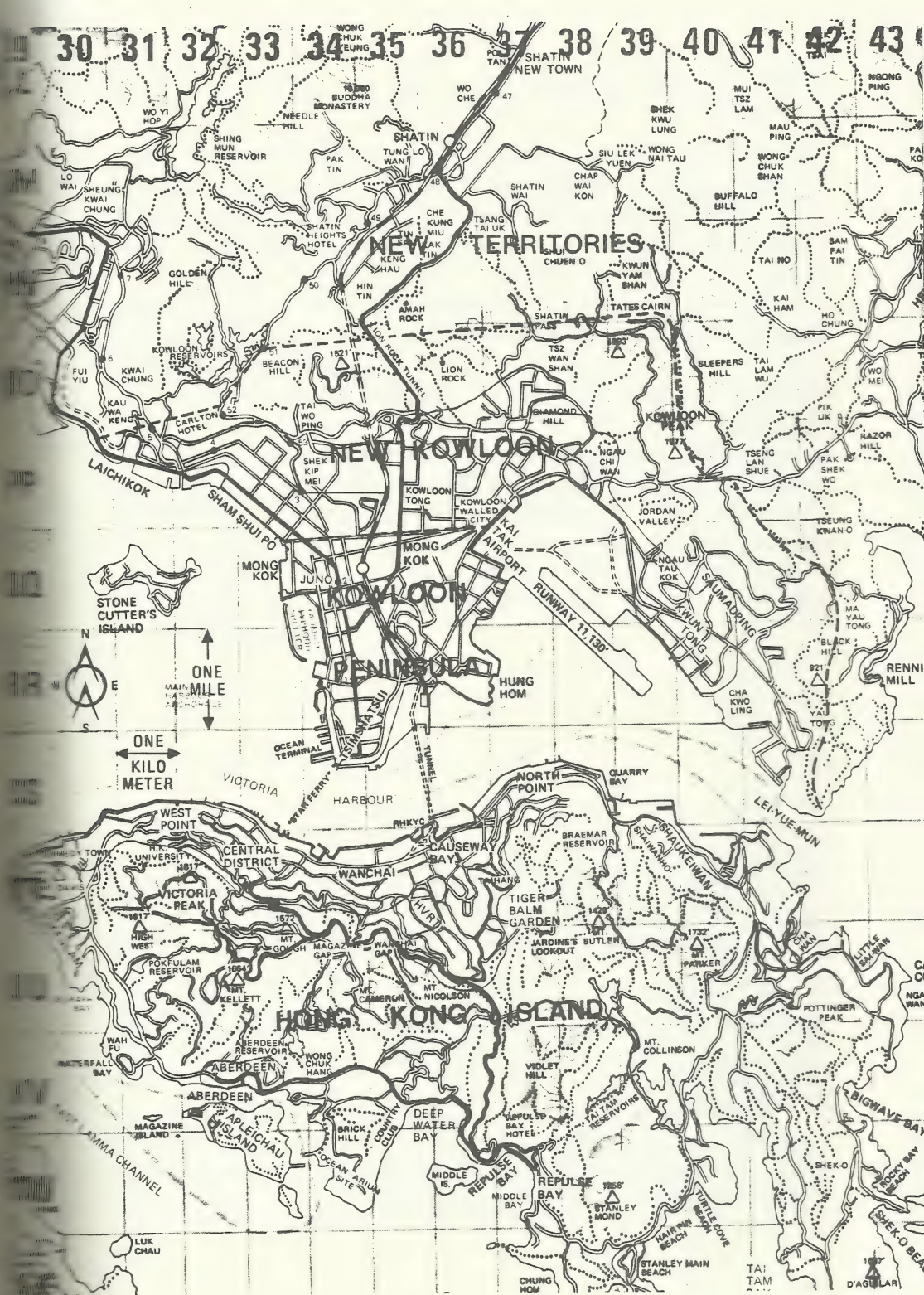
# HONG KONG

February 1964, Hong Kong

Since February Hong Kong International Airport (Kai-Tak) has been plagued at least once a week by low flying UFOs which have been witnessed by airport employees, control tower officers, passengers and others, who were stunned by these mysterious activities, as they had never seen such things before. Coming down like a Jet Clipper (Boeing 707 Jetliner) entering the runway to land, then flying along the main runway and around the center of it, the object ascends vertically at tremendous speed until it is out of sight. According to various witnesses the size is about 15 meters and the body has an orange corona or halo around it. The body itself is indistinct. An image was captured on the RADARscope but its movement couldn't be tracked accurately because of the slow sweep of the scope and the limited range of the airport RADAR. Since they have up to now always appeared when no aircraft are taking off or landing there have been no dangerous incidents with these objects. The people of Kowloon are pleased with these unexpected UFO shows which color the night skies.









30 August 1976, Hsingieh, Hong Kong

20:15

*New Evening Paper of Hong Kong 8/31/1976*

Several people saw an object flying across the sky for almost a minute last night. It was as big as a full moon with a trail of light beam. Astronomers generally believed it was a rare huge meteor.

The Astronomical Observatory received phonecalls reporting this unusual sight. But as they did not observe it, they could not make any comment this morning until they have studied information from all sources. It might be a Kung-ming lamp, however.

According to the witnesses at Hsingieh, Gio Lung and the mountain area of Hong Kong, that UFO first appeared at about 8:15 p.m. in the northeast sky. It moved very slowly and vanished in the southwest after a while.

12, 13, 14 October 1977, Fun-lin, Hong Kong

Night

*New Evening Paper of Hong Kong 10/15/1977*

A mysterious shining object appeared in the sky above Fun-lin and Hsin-gieh for three consecutive nights. Nobody knows what it is.

According to an inhabitant of Fun-lin and Ho-shih, a star-like object appeared in the sky west to Fun-lin for the last three nights. It took about 30 seconds to fly across the sky from west to east then vanished.

The speaker of the Hong Kong Observatory said yesterday morning that they did not receive any report concerning this UFO and nobody in the Observatory was watching the sky then, therefore they could not tell what it was.

15 May 1978, Yuan-lung, Hong Kong

18:00

*Hong Kong Daily News* 5/18/1978

The Astronomical Observatory of Hong Kong received over 30 phone calls the other day reporting a saucer-like shining object flying across the sky.

Mr. Chung Kno-dong, the Directory of the Observatory, said the apparatus at the Observatory did not spot those unidentified flying objects. But many people asserted they saw flying saucers and sparkling objects in the sky.

Mr. Chung added that so far they did not know where it came from but it might be a satellite just entering Earth orbit.

Those who saw the UFO are mostly farmers at Yuan-lung, Chuen-wan, Li-dao and Chang-chou in Hsin-gieh. They informed the Observatory of their discovery between 6:00 and 7:20 p.m. this Monday.

The Observatory is now convinced that there was a sparkling object flying slowly west across the sky above Hong Kong and vanished gradually.

1 June 1978, Yuan-lang, Hong Kong

21:45

*Hong Kong News* 6/2/1978

A glittering UFO was seen flying round the sky above Hong Kong, then vanished in the northeast last night. Many inhabitants of Yuan-lang, Shih-ou, Hong Kong Tze, Hua-fu Village, Hsi-yin-pan, Wang-giou and Li-chi-giou saw it. Several readers provided us with relevant information. The Astronomical Observatory said people inquired them too about the UFO, whose nature, however, they cannot tell until they have consulted authorities concerned and synthesized all information today.

According to the reports we received, that UFO flew across here between 9:45 and 9:50 p.m.

Our readers at Yuan-lang said that it appeared in the northeast sky, flying southeast. It was olive-shaped, sparkling like a meteor, within sight for about 40 seconds.

Readers at Hua-fu Village reported that it was glittering all the while, its length about two planes put together. And when it moved northwest, it got even longer. It showed for 6 seconds altogether. Readers at Wang-giou saw similar phenomenon, but it flew north instead.

Readers at Li-chi-giou said it was like a sparkling plane. It flew north and vanished after a few seconds.

23 June 1978, Hong Kong

20:10

At 8:10 p.m. June 23, 1978, I happened to notice a star-like object in the sky, whose brightness was approximately two degrees below zero. I was puzzled then because the sky was too light to show any star. I ignored it at first. But when I saw it again, I noticed it had moved. I started watching, and it was really moving south. It was ten times faster than a fixed star. When it was about to hide behind the tent upstairs, I ran to the street to continue watching, but unfortunately lost it. My family told me that it disappeared when I ran out. For the last word, I want to point out that this unidentified flying object was silver white.

*Hong Kong News* 11/20/1979

A sparkling ring-shaped UFO appeared last night in the sky above Hong Kong. Many readers of our newspaper called to inquire about it. Its witnesses are the inhabitants of Mo-li-lin at west Huan and Tao-shuen-li Village at Clear Water Bay.

At 11:30 p.m. last night, we received a phonecall from someone at Mo-li-lin. He reported that he saw a sparkling ring-shaped object flying in the sky for several seconds, then disappeared. And an inhabitant of Shuen-li Village called at 12:30 a.m. this morning, saying he saw an object glittering in the sky above Mt. Lion too. Afterwards quite a few readers also called to inquire about the unidentified flying object.

The Astronomical Observatory received reports concerning the UFO too. But as they did not see it, they cannot tell what it is.

## MACAO

30 August 1976, Macao

20:00

*Macao Daily News* 8/31/1976

A shining object flew across the sky above Macao from north to south at 8:00 p.m. last night and disappeared after 5 or 6 seconds. It looked like a round ball with a parasol-shaped trail of yellow light beam. It was gorgeous and many people witnessed this spectacular phenomenon.

The Astronomical Observatory of Hong Kong announced last night that a sparkling object was seen flying south for 4 or 5 seconds in the sky above Hong Kong at 8:00 p.m. last night. It might be a meteor, however.

19 May 1978, South Bay, Macao

04:00

*Macao Daily News* 5/19/1978

At 4:00 a.m. yesterday, a lodger of Hai-tien Building, South Bay, saw distinctly a sparkling red object flying slowly west in the northeast sky above Macao and disappeared in a short while.

And some time between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. this Monday, several inhabitants of Yuan-lung, Chuan-wan, Li-dao and Chang-chou in Hsin-gieh Hong Kong also saw a glittering object flying west across the sky. As to what it really is, nobody can tell so far. The Astronomical Observatory of Hong Kong said it might be a satellite just entering the Earth orbit.

6 July 1978, Macao

21:05

*Overseas Chinese Daily, Macao 7/8/1978*

A Hong Kong college student who travelled to Macao on summer vacation saw an unidentified flying object day before yesterday.

According to him, at 9:05 p.m. day before yesterday, a flying object about 1 cm (apparent size) in diameter appeared in the northeast sky above Macao at a 30° angle. It showed in white, red and orange by turns and glittered rhythmically. White light shined 5 to 7 times, then turned red. Red light shined twice, then turned orange. Orange light shined once, then turned back to white. Thus it went round and round. It appeared for three minutes or so at the height of 10,000 feet. He reported to the weather station of Macao, but they could not figure out what it was or where it came from.

9 July 1978, Lu-huan-jiou-ou, Macao

20:00

*Macao Daily News 7/10/1978*

Unidentified flying objects were discovered here in Macao, which excites many people. And some of them saw strange shining objects flying in the sky above Lu-huan-jiou-ou, Hsin-ko-ansui-tan-jiao and Hai-giao-yun-you in the last two evenings.

A Portugese who had witnessed several UFO cases said he saw something flying from Mt. Tayu to Bintze in the evening day before yesterday. And near 8:00 p.m. last night when he was at Lu-huan-giou-ou, he saw several orange colored shining objects in the sky above Wantze, staying still now, moving back and forth then. It lingered for two minutes before vanishing in the direction of Hong Kong.

At 9:30 p.m. day before yesterday (8 July, 1978), four men, including an off-duty policeman and the owner of an electric appliances store, were trying out their wireless telephone in a private car. When they reached Hsin-ko-an-sui-tan-giou, the

electric appliances on the car suddenly stopped functioning. They thought there must be something wrong with the antenna. When they got out of the car to fix it, they noticed an object about one foot long flying in orange glow in the sky above Mr. Tayu. It moved about for a minute then vanished. And the electric appliances started functioning again.

Mr. Pan, a reader of our newspaper, reported that he went to Hai-giao-you-yun last night (9 July 1978) to observe the sky. At 1:30 a.m. (10 July 1978) he saw a set of shining objects in triangle formation flying smoothly southeast. They were very bright, like fourth degree stars without sparkling. It showed for five seconds only. Its flying condition was unlike that of a plane, a meteor or a satellite.

There were quite a few people who witnessed UFO cases here last year too. At 9:30 p.m. September 19 last year, a fireman who lived on October 5th St. saw a star-shaped shining object flying low to the south. It moved faster than a plane but slower than a meteor, and was out of sight after crossing Ta-pao-ta.

And at 2:00 a.m. October 12 last year, two middle school students saw eight or nine shining objects in triangle formation flying southeast across the hills of Ta-san-pa. They were silver and very bright. A man who lived on Mei-li St. saw them too.

Early this year, a teacher also saw an unidentified flying object at midnight.

11 July 1978, South Bay, Macao

20:55

*Overseas Chinese Daily* 7/12/1978

At 8:55 p.m. last night, two reporters of our newspaper on the beach opposite the Hoshu Building at South Bay again saw an unidentified flying object in the sky above the Obin Bridge. The situation was similar to that of the previous night except that it flew in the direction of Shih Tze Men instead of Bin Tze Jiou Ou. It changed colors from red to white regularly. There seemed to be orange too, but not very distinct. It showed for about three minutes, longer than the former case.

Since the news about UFOs spread out, quite a few people here interested in astronomy have been waiting at open, spacious places for its appearance, some even equipped with telescope and camera. An employee of a hospital at mountain top also said he witnessed a UFO case the night before which was very similar to our report.

12 July 1978, West Bay, Macao

20:55

*Overseas Chinese Daily* 7/13/1978

Unidentified flying objects have been observed for the last few days, but the most spectacular are the ones which appeared last night.

Due to our report, people rushed to the beach last night. Some went with telescopes and cameras, hoping to see a rare spectacle. They were not disappointed.

According to an employee of our newspaper, at about 8:55 p.m. a light spot suddenly appeared in the sky above the hills opposite West Bay. It was changing colors all the time from white to green, then to red. It wavered a little suddenly, then flew obliquely upwards for a distance and stopped, but continued sparkling. After a short while, a fixed light spot appeared above Mt. Wantze, also glittering white, green and red, but smaller. And a similar light spot showed above the bridge near Bintze too, moving slowly towards Macao. It stopped all of a sudden when it reached above the bridge at Macao, then turned to Wantze. Finally, it sped up toward the larger spot, but disappeared when it got closer, as if absorbed into the latter. At that moment, another light spot appeared above the large one mentioned above. Whether it was the one moving back and forth over the bridge or a new one was hard to tell. Till 9:20 p.m. the two smaller light spots disappeared, but the largest one remained. This was the most spectacular phenomenon in the last few nights.

And at 10:30 p.m. several readers of our newspaper on the beach at Tungkuan Square saw an oval flying object. It was at 3,000 feet altitude, 1/2 inch diameter, and shining blue at the front and white at the rear. It moved in curving line for two

seconds, then vanished in the direction of Bintze.

It is still a mystery whether they are but natural phenomena or visitors from outer space. Some say yes; some believe they are secret weapons of the Great Powers. But the mystery remains unsolved.

14 July 1978, Hei-sha-huang

13:00

*Macao Daily News* 7/15/1978

An unidentified flying object flew across Hei-sha-huang and Kuai-tze-chi yesterday afternoon and attracted about a hundred people watching. More than ten members of "The Friends of UFO" carried high-magnification telescopes and cameras last night at Sung-shan to capture the traces of UFO.

According to a witness, at 1:00 p.m. yesterday a star-like flying object suddenly appeared from the clouds between Hei-sha-huang and Kuai-tze-chi. It looked like a silver star, but brighter, shining conspicuously in the sunny sky. It flew slowly west from the northeast of Macao. Passengers travelling between Hei-sha-huang and Kuai-tze-chi looked up and drivers stopped driving, which almost caused a traffic jam on Roads Tidu and Hei-sha-huang. It was said that someone watched with a high-magnification telescope and found out it carried the shape of a straw hat. Whether it was the so-called flying saucer or but a plane is hard to tell.

High up in the sky, it moved through the clouds, hidden now and then. Someone said it kept on changing altitude all the time. After an hour or so, it vanished in the direction of Wan-tze.

9 August 1978, Lu-huan-hei-sha, Macao

20:00

*Overseas Chinese Daily* 8/10/1978

More than ten students of Peitao Middle School saw an unidentified flying object at Lu-huan-hei-sha at about 10:00 p.m.



last night. The case they witnessed was somehow different from others.

According to them, they went to Heisha at 5:00 p.m. to have a barbecue. It rained heavily at 6:00 p.m., so they looked for a shelter near Holiday House. At 10:00 p.m. or so a student went to the beach. When he looked up casually, he saw an object as big as a fist flying in the sky above Yapoyang, dazzling with very strong orange light. He at once asked his schoolmasters to watch with him. That shining object soon split in two, one of which then emitted three smaller red light spots in equilateral triangle formation. The formerly bright orange object became a smaller silver light spot and moved with the other three beside it. Suddenly they stopped, but then moved again towards the land from above the sea. A few minutes later, their light weakened and finally disappeared.

The other orange object which remained at its former place went through the same process described above. It emitted three red light spots in triangle formation, moved slowly, got weaker gradually and disappeared at last above Yapoyang.

This unidentified flying object showed for 15 minutes altogether. As to what it really is, we still need further information for evidence.

9 August 1978, Ho-bien, Macao

21:00

And at 9:00 p.m. August 9, five middle school girl students on the fifth floor of Li-hsiang Building on New St. of Ho-bien saw two bright round flying objects, shining red in the sky above Quay Nanguan. The two UFOs were two meters away from each other, followed by an orange object whose shape and size were like those of a car light. The three sparkling objects flew southwest to Island Hsiao-chin in equilateral formation. They appeared for 30 seconds altogether.

15 August 1978, Bin-tze-chi-hsiang, Macao

20:36

*Overseas Chines Daily* 8/16/1978

Three young men saw unidentified flying objects from a field south to Mt. Hsi-wang-yang at 8:00 p.m. last night. They are Pan Lun-shan, Lee Chih-huei and a Mr. Han. They were equipped with a telescope capable of 100 times enlargement, a military telescope, an ordinary telescope, an extra-short wave radio, a compass and an electronic watch, etc.

At 8:36 p.m. they saw a sparkling object in the sky above Bin-tze-chi-hsiang, which reminded them of the Mars. It was oval, growing bigger and dazzling brighter than the moon. It appeared for 20 seconds or so, then vanished. About ten minutes later, they saw another mango-shaped shining object flying north, then disappeared.

6 November 1978, Obin Bridge, Macao

21:20

*Overseas Chinese Daily* 7/1/1978

An unidentified flying object was seen in the sky above the Obin Bridge last night by a reporter and many readers of our newspaper from different places.

At 9:20 p.m. last night, a reporter of our newspaper on the beach opposite the Hoshu Building at South Bay saw a flying object about 1/4 inch long (apparent size) in the sky above Pujing Hotel moving toward Bin Tze Jiou Ou. It appeared for a minute or so, sparkling, changing colors from white, orange to red regularly. As red and orange looked rather alike, it was comparatively harder to tell when it turned from one to the other. It flew higher and higher, and seemed to stop sometimes. This incident is basically the same with the one we reported on August 7, witnessed at 9:05 p.m., a little earlier than this time.

And at 9:20 p.m. last night, Pan Lueng-shan, Chu Hsin-re and Tan Jen-jie, teachers at Kuantia Middle School, saw the same UFO from the crescent bank across the Jingfan Hotel on Hsiheun Mingkuo Road. They were then waiting to observe the

meeting of Venus and Saturn with more than ten unknown people around.

They said the UFO they saw also glittered in white, red and orange by turns, as bright as a third degree star. It stayed thousands of feet high at first, then moved southeast across the sky above the Obin Bridge. It showed for about a minute, moving slower than a satellite or a meteor. Before vanishing out of sight, it seemed to sparkle in blue.

According to reliable sources, satellites cannot change colors, and move very fast (so that they will not fall through gravity.) So far nobody can prove if the UFO observed that evening was from the Earth or outer space.

17 August 1979, Chai-wan, Macao

06:00

I went swimming with my schoolmate early in the morning August 17, 1979. It was about 6:00 a.m. We were talking about the stars while waiting for the bus at the No. 81 Station at Chai-wan. Suddenly I saw a star in the Virgo start moving north. I told my schoolmate at once, and he saw it too. After 40 minutes, another star likewise moved east before our eyes. We supposed they were unidentified flying objects.

## CONCLUSIONS

UFO reporting from China falls naturally into two general categories; the basically unvarified stories of UFO events before 1976, and the more detailed investigation and documentation of cases after the emancipation of science in 1976 following the reversal of government policies in a closed society.

Before the newer more liberal internal policies, the government took the official position that the UFO phenomenon was a Western trick. Reporting UFO events signified falling for the deception, and such stories, although circulated underground, never got into the public press.

After the emancipation of science, UFO cases were discussed openly, and a certain amount of local investigation of the cases was carried out. Nevertheless it was still not until 13 November 1987 that the first UFO story appeared in the public press. This ultimately resulted in an avalanche of information that had been available all along but which had not gone up the line. The result is the review we have just presented here.

One thing that especially stands out in this release of UFO information is the very conspicuous lack of UFO contactee and abduction cases when compared to the rest of the world. There are only two possible conjectures open. Either such cases are still being held back, or there is no such contact with the Chinese. The second is the less tenable of these positions because we have about an average frequency of contactee and abduction cases versus sighting reports throughout the rest of the known world. For such a disparity to exist, the circumstances would have to be very special, and that is not evident.

Another peculiarity that stands out is a scarcity of landing events and the marks characteristically left on the ground and surroundings by the close proximity of the strange objects.

Still another aspect not covered at all in this material is the cases involving interaction between our human beings and the strange objects, and even interaction with animals. Again we wonder whether there strangely is none, or else is it being withheld, and why?

Even if this information is being purged before it gets to us, it still is very important for what it does say, both verbally and implied. We must remember that the mainland society was carefully closed off for a number of years and word about outside affairs was not let into China any more than inside affairs were let out. Consequently there was no opportunity for "feedback" due to media exposure, as frequently happens in the western world, because there was no media coverage and stories were not carried forward.

The fact that the cases that are collected and reported out now are so similar to those in the rest of the world, in both nature and strangeness, over a long period of time, is significant. We also find very similar highly bizarre aspects to this phenomena that tend to indicate a unique worldwide reality taking place with no regard for national boundaries.

Apart from this we do have a great deal more information on this subject, from this area of the world, than we ever had before, and we are grateful for that. We hope that we can keep this communication line open and expand on the exchanges already made.

This concludes the collection of data immediately available as of the end of 1982. We thank our Chinese friends for the information provided and the Government of The People's Republic of China for their kind and generous assistance.

A great deal of work remains to be done, both statistically and analytically, but that is not the purpose of this work. Our aim from the beginning was nothing more than to collect and report. We have observed in the process of doing so however, that there seems to be a higher percentage of nocturnal sightings reported here than daylight events when similar comparisons are made with other parts of the world. This may or may not prove significant.

## APPENDIX I

### UFOs That Started a War

In 1977 a correspondent in Argentina received a strange UFO report from an ex-diplomat to Mongolia believed to have been a member of the Hungarian Mission at the time of the events described. The letter detailed a border skirmish between China and Russia that amounted to a small scale war which developed over a mutual misunderstanding concerning a fleet of UFOs seen for a number of days over Mongolia near Ulan Bator. Each side apparently thought the new "aircraft" belonged to the other and war finally ensued.

Upon discovering their error the commanders of both sides terminated the unfortunate and destructive adventure and camouflaged the operation before the world as a simple border incident. The information services of both China and Russia admitted later, after much questioning, that the border incident was a result of a very deplorable misunderstanding without revealing any details.

At the time the Mongolian report was being studied in Argentina there was nothing to support the story and it was not treated seriously. Subsequent research however, turned up a TIME magazine article speculating on the strange "Spring Maneuvers" that year (1970) and the unusual prohibition of Foreign Observers and Correspondents. A Viennese newspaper, Die Aktuelle, for 14 September 1974, independently, and appar-

ently with no knowledge of the communication to Argentina, reported very similar events and dates for that April of 1970. Still another independent and unrelated article, whose author was apparently ignorant of any other information on this series of events, described "The Vladivostok Affair" involving Russian aircraft and UFOs at the same time and place in 1970. This article was published in Ideal's UFO Magazine #12 for November 1980. The Japanese press at that time carried stories of a massive UFO invasion over Siberia, Sakhalin and Soviet Asia for the same period (March 1970). Our feeling is that there is more here than meets the eye. Details follow.

## **RUSSIAN — CHINESE BORDER ALERT CAUSED BY UFO ARMADA OVER MONGOLIA**

Reported by Juan Norberto Comte in Cuarta Dimension Number 44 Translated by Wendelle C. Stevens with permission of Cuarta Dimension

(In 1970, China and Russia were on the verge of war. Strange Unidentified Flying Objects broke the tranquility of the frontier skies of Mongolia and were observed cautiously by both of the giants of international Communism, who each believed that they were some kind of supersecret military development of the other, and they each accused the other of warlike provocation. A Russian military aircraft investigating this intrusion mysteriously disappeared.)

During the spring of 1970, curious sightings of unidentified aircraft were reported over the remotest regions of the frontier between Russia and China. The authorities of both of these great countries became disturbed over the indications that a new type of supersecret weapon was being employed by the other over this sensitive airspace. The Chinese blamed the Russians, and the Russians, on the other hand were convinced that the Chinese were responsible for the new threat from the skies. Conditions deteriorated and correspondents began to report that relations between those two great nations had entered a critical state. The crisis came on 24 April 1970 when a Soviet bomber on a secret mission disappeared on its flight from Vladivostok to Moscow,







without leaving a single trace. The pilot of the bomber was in contact with a ground station in mid-flight, when the conversation was interrupted, and from that time to this day no trace of that bomber or any of the crew has ever been found.

The Soviet Air Force was called to full alert and immediately launched 200 aircraft converging on the last known position of the bomber, now thought to have been shot down by intruding Chinese. Upon arriving at the approximate position of disappearance, the colossal patrol discovered some 20 enormous, brilliant disc-shaped aircraft that were moving at incredible speed at extreme altitudes, out of reach of the Russian aircraft.

A few days later the wave of mysterious vehicles appeared over the frontiers of Mongolia, but this time there were hundreds of disc-shaped objects which changed color intermittently from orange to blue to red. A battery of missiles were brought into action, and from the ground launched broadsides of long range projectiles. Meanwhile they tried to determine their origin. Soviet experts, working furiously over observed trajectories and maps of the area agreed in their calculations. The strange craft were coming from a point some 1,600 kilometers West of Ulan Bator, the Capital of Mongolia. Now they had no doubt about the intentions of their bellicose neighbors, the Chinese. They at first called for a partial mobilization, and a short time later all of the combat forces were placed on full alert. This came on the 26th of April. Official observers noted that trains began transporting an unusual number of tanks and artillery toward Siberia. Three Divisions of Russian Infantry began a march to the east in large caravans of trucks that choked the roads. Soviet authorities explained to the press accredited in Moscow that the mobilization was a normal part of the plan for spring maneuvers. The Soviet Air Force attacked the "Chinese" base for their new secret aircraft, West of Ulan Bator.

On their part the Chinese authorities had arrived at conclusions similar to those of the Russians, and were firmly convinced that they were confronted with the long expected invasion by the Russians, their "revisionist" enemies. On the 27th of April a strongly armed Chinese Division left Chinese territory toward the west and marched directly toward Mongolia. The Peoples Republic of China dispatched a large number of Chinese Air force fighter aircraft to patrol the Mongolian—

Siberian frontier. Without doubt, Mongolia was involved and would be in the area of combat. The Chinese experts calculated the supposed "Russian" base to be somewhere west of Ulan Bator, and attacked an unidentified installation there, presumably the same one that the Russians had attacked.

The Russian infantry arrived in Mongolia on the 30th of April and the Chinese forces penetrated Mongolia on the 4th of May. The opposing forces joined combat upon contact and violent battles ensued in which the casualties among the Mongolians and their Russian allies and the Chinese "Invaders" were extremely high. It is reliably reported that the Soviet forces launched low power nuclear weapons against the supposed secret "Chinese" base on the frontier with Siberia. It now appears that the opposing forces had destroyed an advanced UFO base consisting of a vast network of underground tunnels extending kilometers, and surface structures of a pyramidal form.

After the skirmishes of this belligerent adventure, the protagonists camouflaged the battle, calling it a simple frontier incident. The information services of China and Russia later admitted a deplorable misunderstanding without releasing any details. Nevertheless, only days after these mutual explanatory excuses, the skies over Moscow were penetrated by two enormous UFOs. A British correspondent, who witnessed the event personally, and tried to send a report to his paper in London, was dissuaded by the KGB after his dispatch had fallen into the hands of the censor.

Already, by 1967, there had been so many unexplainable sightings in the Soviet Union that, though the authorities maintained a position of cautious reserve and skepticism, they systematically collected hundreds of reports, some of which came through official channels and were well documented. They had already excluded the possibility that the UFOs could be plasma effects and other phenomena. In October of 1967 they established a "Department of UFO Studies" under the Center for Aviation and Cosmic Sciences in Moscow, naming as president of this institution their Air Force Major General Porfiri Stolyarov. Nevertheless, in 1970 there was still no public pronouncement on the UFO subject.

A very detailed report about the Soviet Air Forces having stumbled upon some secret UFO bases in far off Mongolia was reported by Dipl. Ing. A. Schneider in the Viennese newspaper, K. Die Aktuelle Serie, P. a. for Saturday, 14 September 1974.

"...the following remarkable report reached us today from the Soviet Union: April 24, 1970 was a day that all hell broke loose. A Soviet supersonic jetbomber on a secret mission from Moscow to Vladivostok was lost without a trace over Siberia. The pilot was in voice contact with ground control stations when suddenly the transmission was interrupted. An intense search by nearly two hundred planes was quickly organized over the area where the pilot was last heard from. Almost simultaneously a number of pilots reported to ground control, "We are not alone up here, above us are flying objects, maybe 25 or even more. They are huge, they are so high we cannot get near them." That same afternoon in Krasnojarsk, a red alert was sounded and troops were deployed around the city because an entire formation of these silvery, silent visitors circled over the scared town. Apparently entire salvos of ground-to-air missiles were fired at hundreds of flying discs which crowded the airspace of the Sino-Soviet-Mongolian frontier area. There was a concerted action by the strange intruders against the town of Ulan Bator, where all flights seemed to emanate from, and end. A spokesman for a group of German student tourists said, after returning from Mongolia where they had been at the time of the UFO invasion, that the Soviet Union had destroyed a secret UFO base of immense proportions, consisting of many miles of subterranean tunnels and dozens of pyramid-like structures in the northern area of Mongolia."

No photographic proof or documentary evidence, however, was available. The Soviets imposed the customary secrecy over all information on this event.

A retired Red Army General from the Peoples Republic of China recently affirmed that there had been heavy border activity in the vicinity of Mongolia about that time. He would not elaborate or give any details.

In Ideal's UFO Magazine #12 for November 1980, author, Chris Sands, in an article about Russian UFO research and reporting, makes reference to "The Vladivostok Affair about which we still do not know all the facts. What we do have is a

Japanese recorded tape of a Russian pilot whose MIG attacked a flying saucer in February 1970 somewhere north of Vladivostok — over the Sikhote Alin mountain range facing the Sea of Japan. The tape repeats the following: “Visual contact with target. It is a large circular craft with oblong portholes...bluish glow...closing in...Firing rockets as ordered.... Object holding course ...Wait! Rockets exploding 600 meters from craft! It...has made right-angle turn... On collision course.... No time to....”

That was the end of the transmission but only the beginning of the story. The Japanese press published the tape, and later carried stories of a massive flying saucer scare over Siberia and Soviet Asia. In March (1970), the Russian island of Sakhalin, north of Japan, was reported to be receiving UFOs nightly, often in large formations. In the ensuing weeks, reports filtered into Japan of UFOs landing in remote sections of Sakhalin, kidnapping both domestic animals and humans. Russian sailors were quoted as saying the Soviets had rushed military planes and personnel to the island.

“The flying saucers are trying to take over Sakhalin”, one sailor said. “Nobody knows what to do about it. When you shoot at them they just disappear.”

Later, the Japanese recorded more incredible messages. A Soviet supersonic bomber, evidently heading for Vladivostok frantically radioed he was in danger — and then the plane disappeared! Two hundred jets were known to have searched for it and one pilot was taped declaring, “We’re not alone up here. There are dirigibles above us. At least 25 of them, perhaps more.” And another pilot, “They’re big, the biggest things I’ve ever seen. But they’re too high. We can’t get near them.”

Whatever happened is hidden in Soviet censorship. Eventually the Vladivostok affair petered out and there were no more reports of UFOs or huge ‘dirigibles’.

## APPENDIX II

### UFO Photographs

Although we have seen that UFO observation in China since 1940 compares favorably with the rest of the known world, considering the lack of media coverage and a limited availability of reporting channels, we have noted a singular difference in the UFO data generated. Because of the reduced number of cameras available at large and the relatively expensive costs of film and film processing, and the reduced amount of leisure time available, the normal scarcity of UFO photo opportunities experienced worldwide is almost completely lost in this vast country and very few actual photographs of UFOs exist. The pen and ink sketches provided by the illustrators however, clearly show a variety similar to that photographed in more affluent countries around the world.

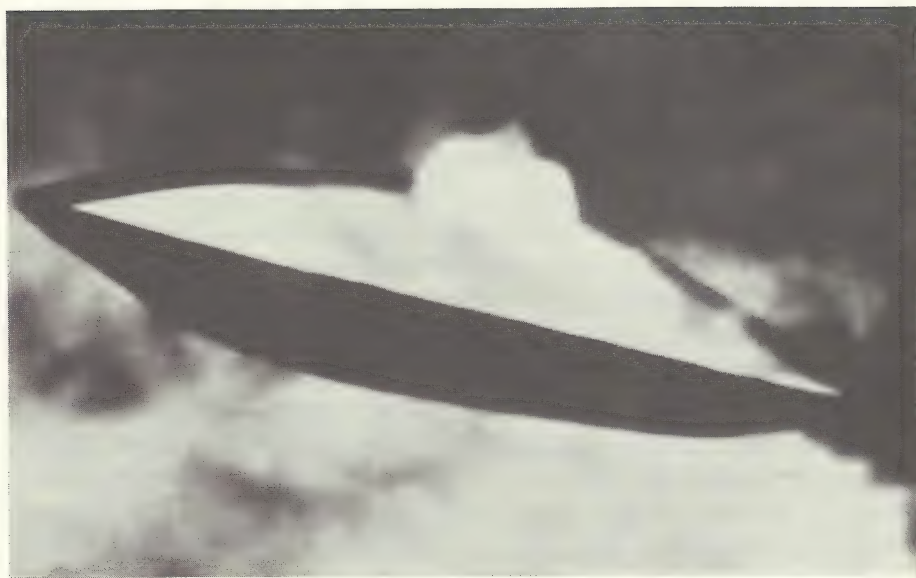
To show that the potentials are there even though they may not have been exploited we have decided to publish UFO photographs from neighboring areas all around the China mainland for possible use in evaluating the sightings and reports presented in this volume. A selection of such photographs exemplifies the wide variety in shape, style, and nature of the elusive Unidentified Flying Objects here.

We have added one UFO photo case from Moreno, Argentina that is uniquely different in the lore of the phenomena in the hope that we may stimulate better reporting of the extremely

bizarre aspects of some cases of this nature....details which are frequently omitted because of their strangeness but nevertheless necessary in interpreting the events.

## 1953 Korea

On an unrevealed date in 1953 a United States Marine Air Group photographer snapped this official U.S. Navy photograph that got in formation with aircraft in the Korean air combat zone. For a few seconds the UFO closely paced the Marine aircraft, then flew off at a speed estimated at over a thousand miles per hour and disappeared in the distance. A bright flash from the cupulo on top of the disc-shaped object burned into the film emulsion during this short exposure.



1953, Korea. On an unrevealed date in 1953 A United States Marine photographer snapped an object that came into close formation with aircraft in the Korean air combat zone.

21 December 1961, Mt. Aso, Japan

16:35

Mr. Y. J. Matsumura of Yokohama, riding as a passenger on Japan Air Lines Flight #307 (a Douglas DC-4 Airliner) from



Tokyo to Fukuoka, noticed 2 peculiar large cylindrical clouds that seemed to be moving independently of the other clouds in front of the airliner in flight. As the plane came closer, one of the cylindrical objects changed speed by slowing down and, to the witness's amazement, launched a round dark spherical object like a big ball, that came toward the airliner in a swift pass. Matsumura, camera ready, snapped photographs of this event as it developed.



21 December 1961, 16:35, Mount Aso, Japan. Mr. Y. J. Matsumura of Yokohama, riding as a passenger on JAL Flight 307 from Tokyo to Fukuoka photographed 2 large cylindrical clouds from which a dark spherical object emerged and paced the airliner in flight.



5 March 1967, Hallam, Australia - John and Miriam Coyle

On 5 March 15 year old John Coyle and his sister, 13 year old Miriam of Hallam, Victoria, Australia were walking across a paddock (field) near their home at about 5:30 pm when they saw a strange flying object.

"I had just bought a camera for one dollar at Coles, and we got started off to the station to take photographs of the train. However, before getting to the station, we realized it was too late and decided to turn back. As we were crossing the paddock, Miriam suddenly noticed what she thought was a fast moving plane. When I saw it, I said 'Oh that's a UFO.', and she replied 'Don't be silly.' I got the camera ready and took six photographs."

"The UFO came very close and circled around us for about two and a half minutes. When I first saw the UFO it was only about 15 degrees above the eastern horizon. It came in a straight line, turned fast and circled over us and then went away into the west, near enough to the sunset. When it was circling round us it was going very slowly, almost at stalling speed. In fact, if it had been a small aircraft it certainly would have crashed. We felt that the object had seen us when it started circling round us, because otherwise it wouldn't have stayed around—there was nobody else in sight. We heard no sound from the UFO at any time."

"In appearance, it was silver—like aluminum or polished aluminum. It had a slight rise in the top and was very black underneath. It was shaped like a disc and was approximately the size of a five cent piece held at arm's length."

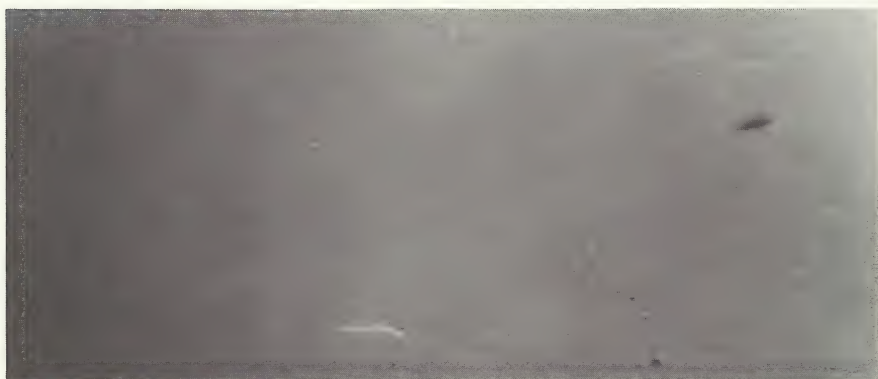
"The sky was very overcast at the time and the weather was cold. The UFO kept right below the clouds at all times, and when it disappeared out of sight on the horizon, it was still beneath the clouds. Apart from that I am unable to estimate the altitude of the object."

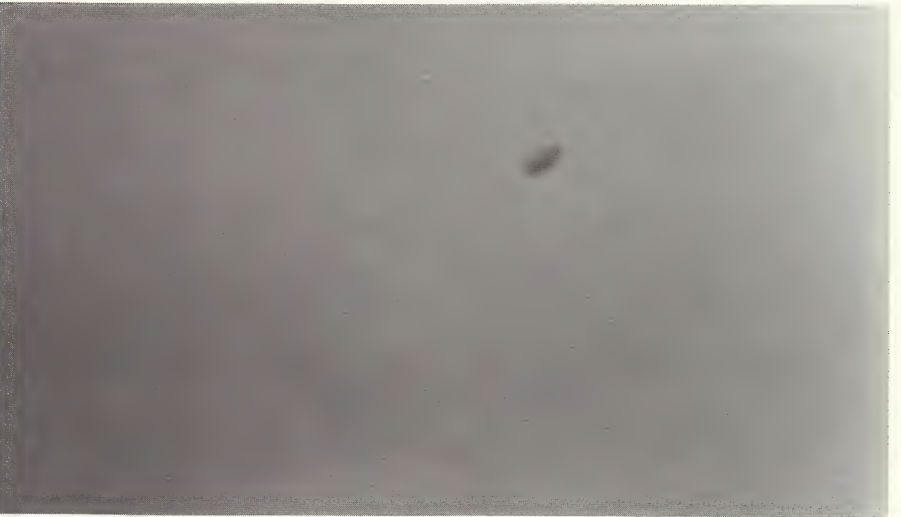
Miriam said "I didn't believe in UFOs and when John said that that was what it was, I laughed. But when I looked at it again, I realized that it was a UFO. We became very excited and John took some photographs. The UFO looked like a disc with a slight rise on top. It was silver colored and very dark underneath. I heard no sound from it. It circled around us for about two and a

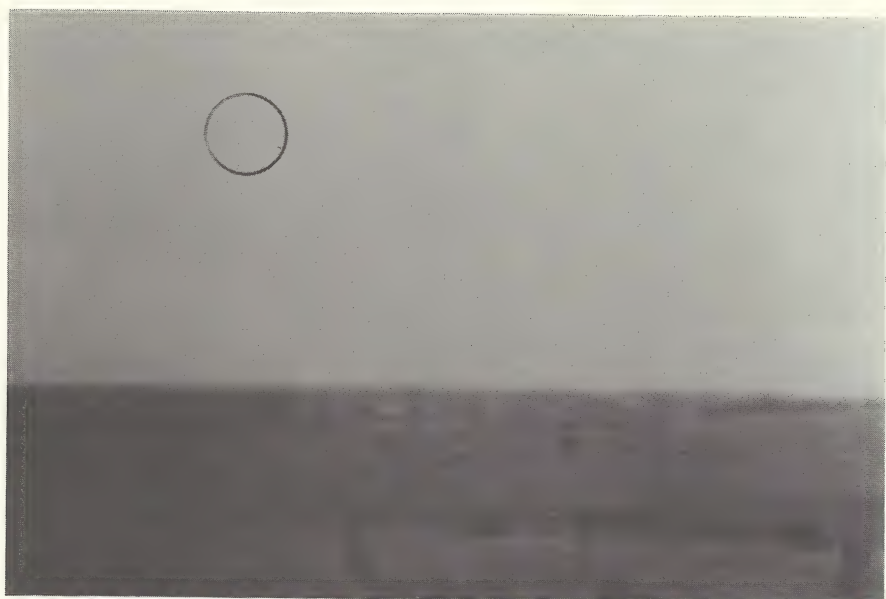
half minutes at a very slow speed—it was hardly moving—and then it went away towards the sun at the same speed it came up to us.”

John said his sister was so excited and jumping up and down, that he got nervous and broke the winding knob off the camera and couldn't take any more pictures. He told his mother that because of this they wouldn't be able to get the film out. She took the camera to the store and they removed the film and developed the photographs. The store was McKeon's Pharmacy in Dandenong. The photographs were submitted to photographic experts by the Victoria Flying Saucer Research Society and pronounced authentic.

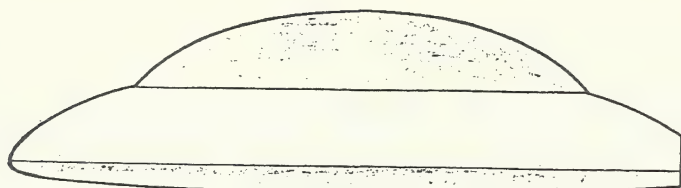
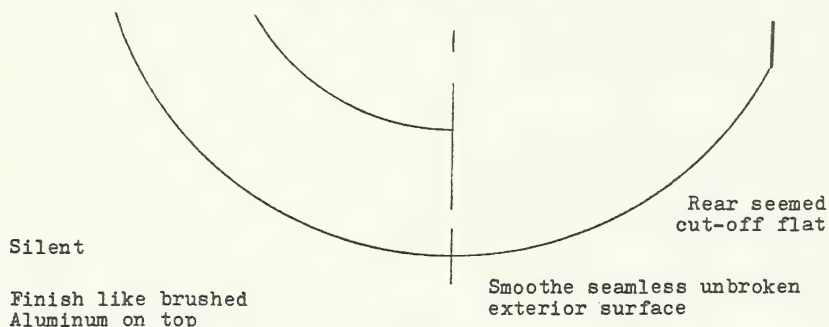
Australian Flying Saucer Review, No. 7 p 15







5 March 1967, 17:30, Hallam, Australia. Youngsters John and Miriam Coyle, walking across a field near their home, observed and photographed a lenticular silvery aircraft that circled them very low and then flew away toward the west. The silent metallic craft was circular with a raised dome on the top. The children snapped 6 black and white pictures with a cheap pin-hole camera. Authorities could find no evidence of fraud or faking.



Moved rapidly and also very slowly  
Came very close  
Almost landed once

Very black underneath

Circled witnesses for over 2 minutes

Early in 1964, Eduard J. Meier, a young Swiss adventurer and seeker of truth, had worked his way across Africa and the Gulf of Oman as a caravaneer and sailor on an Arab cargo vessel, and across land again as a trader, until he reached the Ashoka Ashram at Mehrauli, on Gurgan Road near New Delhi, India, where he became interested in the teachings of a spiritual leader there. He became a student at the ashram and was well into his studies when he first noticed the strange aerial vehicles that flew about overhead. He tried to photograph the elusive objects a number of times but they were always too quick for him. Finally on 17 May 1964, at 16:00, he succeeded in capturing his first picture of the spherical craft. This time they appeared as two brightly luminous balls of white light in the sky and he got one picture of the objects before they flew away. Exactly one week later, on the 24th of May, he snapped pictures the second time and captured four round balls of bright light as they maneuvered above Dog Hill near the ashram. This time the luminous spheres radiated a bright blue color. A number of other witnesses reported the strange balls of light about that time. On the 27th at 17:00, he photographed a huge luminous flying object of elongated watermelon shape estimated to be 200 to 220 meters long as a score of witnesses watched it hover over Dog Hill. On 16 June, at 13:14 the strange crafts were back in force. Eight double-sphere unidentified objects appeared in the sky over the New Delhi railroad station and Meier snapped pictures as the crowd watched in awe. One of these pictures was published in the New Delhi newspaper the following day.

3 July 1964, Mehrauli, New Delhi, India

16:22

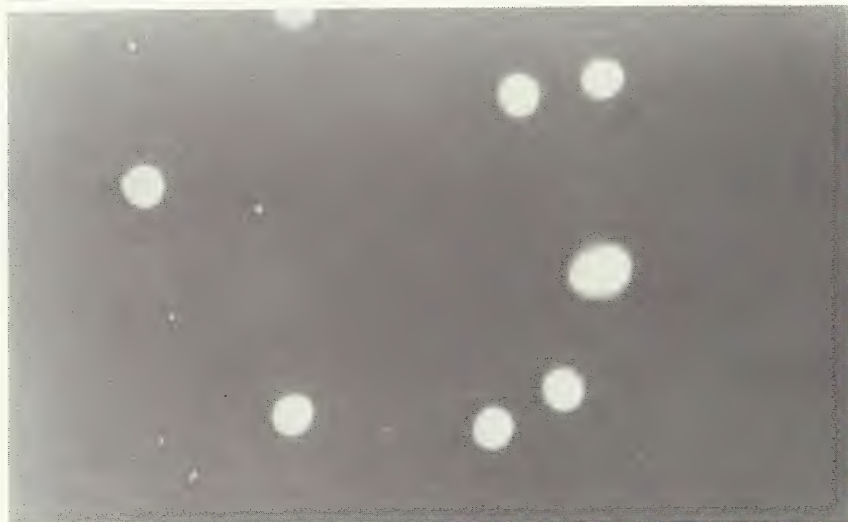
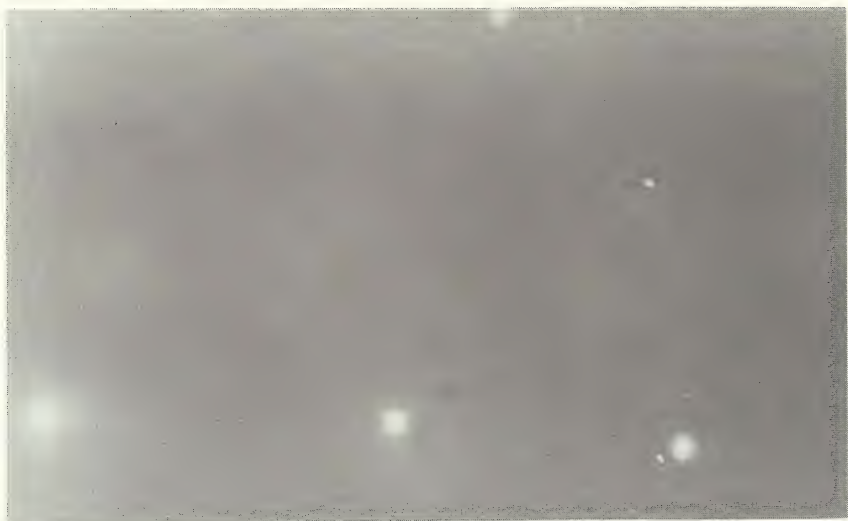
On 3 July the objects were seen several times the same day. At 14:03 Meier photographed a silver disc-shaped craft high in the clouds as it flew about above the ashram. At 16:22 it was back and flying considerably lower over the buildings of the ashram



and he succeeded in getting more pictures of the ship with ashram buildings seen in the picture below the object. This ship was of a structured metallic design having very clean lines. It seemed to be made in one piece with no joints or seams in its finish. It had a transparent dome on top and flew as if it were under control of some intelligent creature aboard.



3 July 1964, 16:22 Mehrauli, India. Meier observed and photographed Asket's spacecraft as it flew over the buildings of the Ashoka Ashram. Asket took over the development of Meier after the departure of Sfath until this was taken over by Semjase in 1975. Meier later had face-to-face contacts with Asket and even photographed her on one occasion.



24 May 1964, 13:53 Mehrauli, New Delhi, Dog Hill near the Ashoka Ashram on Gurgaon Road. Four round luminous unidentified flying objects maneuvered above the hill at the Buddhist Mission. Meier snapped this photograph as he watched the aerial display.

16 June 1964, 13:14 New Delhi Railway Station, India. The 8 unidentified double-sphere objects appeared again over the New Delhi Railway Station as Meier stood in a crowd of people waiting to board a train. He snapped this picture as the large crowd watched in awe. He was later contacted by a New Delhi Newspaper for an interview and he allowed them to publish this picture.

March 1967, Chu-Lai, South Viet Nam

An American service man, riding in the back of an Army truck travelling along a country road near Chu-Lai, was about to snap a picture with his Electro-35 Yashica camera, when a fast moving silver object swept into view in the image field as the picture was being taken, and he successfully captured a photograph of the soundless Unidentified Flying Object.



March 1967, Chu-Lai, South Viet Nam. An American service man riding in the back of an Army truck traveling a country road near Chu-Lai photographed a moving silvery object that swept into view as he was trying to photograph the scenery.

27 May 1968, Pa Ta Lin, Kuala Lumpur (Malaya)

06:00

Mr. Pan Chen Hsiang, in his house at 06:00 am, heard his son shouting for him to come out to the patio. He ran out there and following his son's indications, he could see in the sky above a strange dark disc-shaped object in horizontal flight. It passed over them in complete silence.

Its size was large and he estimated it to be some 10 meters



(32 feet) in diameter. Its color was a flat gray and appeared to be dull metallic in finish. It was emitting a recurring flash of light from a raised dome on the top.

As it was moving slowly, he ran into the house, grabbed his camera, and returned in time to take 5 good photographs. He said that the UFO seemed to balance constantly on the air as if compensating for some kind of instability as it slowly advanced.



26 May 1972, 14:00, Tokyo, Japan. An almost identical lenticular object was photographed from the Tokai Bank building by Nario Hanabusa 5 years later.

Then it began to accelerate smoothly as it maintained its horizontal trajectory and flew over the suburban area in the direction of the center of Pa Ta Lin.

At this hour the sky was not completely light, there were no clouds, and according to the photographer's watch it was 06:50 when he went back inside after taking the pictures.

The developed photos were first sent to Dr. Lim Kung Yin-Fu, director of the local satellite tracking station. Upon examining the photos he said they could not show a satellite because

their orbit is 100 miles high and they couldn't be seen in daylight with the naked eye. A Mr. Millikan, a professor at the Technical College of Kuala Lumpur said never in his life had he seen anything like it. The Meteorological Office said it could not be a sounding balloon because of the hour, and there were none unaccounted for. Mr. Ho Tung-Yuan, Director of the Meteorological Observatory was at a complete loss for an explanation. They all felt that it must be a Lai-Li pu-ming fei huing-Wut'i (UFO in Chinese).

Cuarta Dimension Number 48, p. 19



27 May 1968, 06:00, Pa Ta Lin, Kuala Lumpur, Malayasia. Pan Chen Hsiang observed and photographed a large (estimated 10 meters diameter) circular object of a flat gray metallic color emitting an intermittent flash of light from a raised dome on top as it flew over the patio of his home.

7 March 1973, Me-Nam River, Bangkok, Thailand, 10:00 AM

Mr. Akita Takao, an Osaka Technical Institute graduate student, on vacation to Bangkok and Saigon from the 6th to the 11th of March of 1973, was taking in the sights of Bangkok. On the 7th of March he was on an excursion boat on the Me-Nam River, and they were passing one of the beautiful temples that sit on its banks. It was about 10:00 am and the light was good and the temple was shining beautifully in the morning sunshine, when he decided to take a picture of the one across from them. He adjusted his camera and snapped one photo in color, of the temple view from the excursion boat. He closed his camera and went back to viewing the sights.

When he returned to Japan he sent the exposed roll of film to his regular developer in a routine fashion. When his prints came back he was astonished to find the image of a solid flattened spheroid shaped object with a hazy ring or halo surrounding it, suspended in the sky to the left and beyond the temple photo-



7 March 1973, 10:00, Me-Nam River, Bangkok, Thailand. Mr. Akita Takao, a Japanese tourist on an excursion boat on the Me-Nam River in Bangkok, snapped a picture of an impressive temple shining beautifully in the morning sunshine. Later his developed print showed a surprising object not seen at the time the photograph was made. Examination of the film clearly showed the object registered in the emulsion. It had structure and geometrical form. It was not a film or processing defect, nor was it anything caught on the film. Enlargements showed a spherical form surrounded by a ring and a visible corona of light.

graphed. The upper half was of a yellowish gray color, the ring was a misty gray, surrounding it horizontally at mid section, and the lower section was a yellow-orange-gray of a darker hue. It is reflecting sunlight but not brilliantly.

He took the prints to a photographic expert who enlarged them and then enlarged the object many times. The expert said that the object was solid and reflected light, and that there appeared to be some motion in a horizontal plane such as rotation on a vertical axis. He stated that it was definitely not an airplane of any conventional type, not a bird, or kite, or balloon. He said that the misty halo seemed to be part of the object but that it did not appear to be as dense as the spherical central part. He categorically stated that the image was registered in the emulsion, and was not a manufacturing or developing defect. It was not a lens distortion or flare, and the emulsion did not show any evidence of double exposure. Angular measurements showed it to be in the neighborhood of 50 to 70 feet in diameter.

A similar Saturn-shaped object was photographed over Hokkaido two years earlier, on 19 October 1971 at 17:00 by 16 year old student George Kato.

From Mr. Tomezo Hirata of Kobe City, Japan, personal letter 11 April 1974

17 August 1973, 14:30, Bali Island, Indonesia.

At about 14:30 in the afternoon of 17 August 1973, Mr. Ryo Terumoto, a Japanese tourist visiting the Malayasian Islands, was on Bali photographing Mount Gnung-Agun, a sacred mountain according to the Balinese who live there, when a silvery metallic colored lens-shaped circular object appeared and was caught in the color photograph. The 25 year old company employee was using a Nikomat 35mm camera with a 105mm telephoto lens. The picture was taken on Fujicolor film at f:11 and 1/500th second. The photographer did not remember seeing the object at the time he took the picture, however, careful analysis of the film back in Japan clearly revealed a structured object registered in the film emulsion. This was not a film or processing defect nor anything picked up on the film in hand-



ling. It was an object photographed through the lens and caught by lucky chance by the lucky photographer.



17 August 1973, 14:30, Bali Island, Indonesia. Mr. Ryo Terumoto, a Japanese tourist was snapping a photograph of Mount Gnung-Agun when a strange lenticular object appeared and he managed to get it in his picture.

2 December 1973, Salonica, Greece (northern Part)

11:00

On 2 December 1973, at Salonica in north Greece, Mr. Adonis Cocalidis was taking pictures of a street scene and the camera, a Russian-made Lubitel 6x6, loaded with Ilford 22 DIN black and white film, was mounted on a fixed tripod, no filters, and the shutter was set at 1/125th second. The camera was pointing toward the NW at about 20 degrees elevation. The sky was completely overcast as he snapped the picture. Ten minutes after the picture was taken snow began to fall. The wind speed at the time was estimated at 6 meters per second. Three other men, Vasilis Acimakopoulous, John Vasilon and Tasos Tsonis were present when the picture was snapped. None of the four men saw

anything unusual at the time.

When the developed print came back from the processing laboratory a very clear image of a cardinal-hat shaped object could be easily seen in the sky above the trees bordering the street. The circular disc-shaped object looked to be composed of bright white cloud substance standing out in stark relief against the very dark snow clouds in the background. It seemed to have two rays or beams of the same lighter substance projecting upward at a steep angle from the upper side of the object. The object appears to be a circular disc shaped form with a raised dome in the center on top.

Close examination of the photograph shows no evidence of tampering with the film or of deliberate fraud. The image could not be accounted for.

UFO Nyt, March-April #2, 1977, p. 70  
APRO Bulletin, March-April 1974, p. 8



2 December 1973, 11:00, Salamonica, Greece. Mr. Adonis Cocalides snapped pictures of a street scene with his tri-pod mounted camera as two friends watched the operation. Ten minutes after this picture was taken snow began to fall from the densely overcast sky. When the print came back from developing he was amazed to see a white misty cardinal-hat shaped object in the sky above the trees. He did not see this when the picture was taken.

Indetermined 1973, Ontario, Canada

Ron Spanbauer's correspondent, Frank (a pseudonym), from Vancouver was attending a convention in Vancouver when he met a man called John Beasley who was an amateur UFO investigator. Beasley and Frank agreed to set up a system for exchanging collected data for their mutual benefit. This was back in 1974. Frank did not hear from Beasley often, but in 1975 Beasley sent him 7 color prints that he had obtained from a witness to a 1973 sighting. The witness and a friend were standing in the back yard of a country home when they saw what they at first thought was an airplane approaching very low in altitude. They soon recognized that it was no airplane like they had ever seen before and the witness ran for a camera. He returned in time to snap 7 pictures in sequence as the object flew about and then flew away. The witness wanted Frank to look at the developed prints and give him an opinion on what kind of air vehicle it was, but by the time Frank got around to it Beasley had moved away and Frank could not contact him. Frank thinks he may have been relocated by the computer firm Beasley worked for.

Frank had copy negatives made from the best 4 of the 7 prints and sent the copies of the 4 and the other 3 uncopied prints to Ron for evaluation. Beasley did not give Frank much information on the pictures, apparently because he did not want to cloud the issue with distracting data. Beasley was only interested in an objective appraisal of the photographs. Ron sent them to me.

The 7 pictures show a saucer-like metallic object, complete with an upper dome structure, either going or coming. A proper sequence for the photos was not furnished. Four of the pictures are remarkably clear and show detail. The other three shots show the object in the distance. The object is barely discernable in the haze, which is probably why Frank didn't bother to have copy negs made. These last 3 are very significant however, because they clearly demonstrate that this is not a small model close to the camera. The object is seen disappearing in the distance.

Ron Spanbauer







Undetermined date, 1973, Ontario, Canada. An unidentified witness and a friend (known to John Beasley) standing in the back yard of a country home in Ontario, observed a strange airplane that approached at low altitude and flew around them. The photographer ran for a camera and came back out in time to snap 7 color photographs of the strange machine. It was circular and flat with a raised dome on top and it reflected the sun like metal.

8 December 1975, Nagoya City, Nagoya Prefecture, Japan

At about 14:00 in the afternoon, young high school student Hirohito Tanaka, 12 years old, was standing on the balcony of his home in Nagoya City, when he noticed a small bell-shaped craft approaching in the sky. It was dark colored and was circular in shape with a prominent dome on the top. At times he thought he could make out some kind of structure on the bottom of the object. It moved rapidly and jerkily as it flew.

He ran inside and grabbed his camera and ran downstairs and out into the garden to see it better and to try to photograph it. He did manage to capture it on film as it flew in the sky over the tiled roof-line of his home. This was similar to the ones he photographed on 3 September and 4 October 1975.



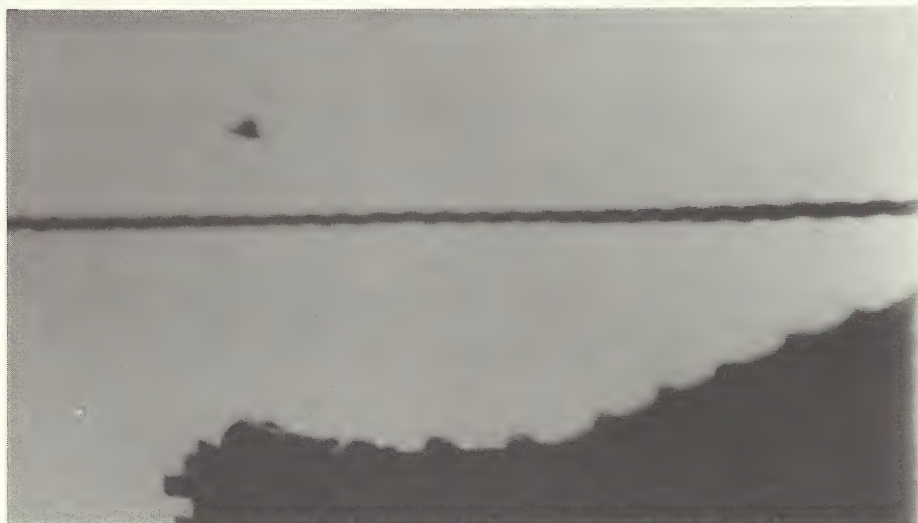
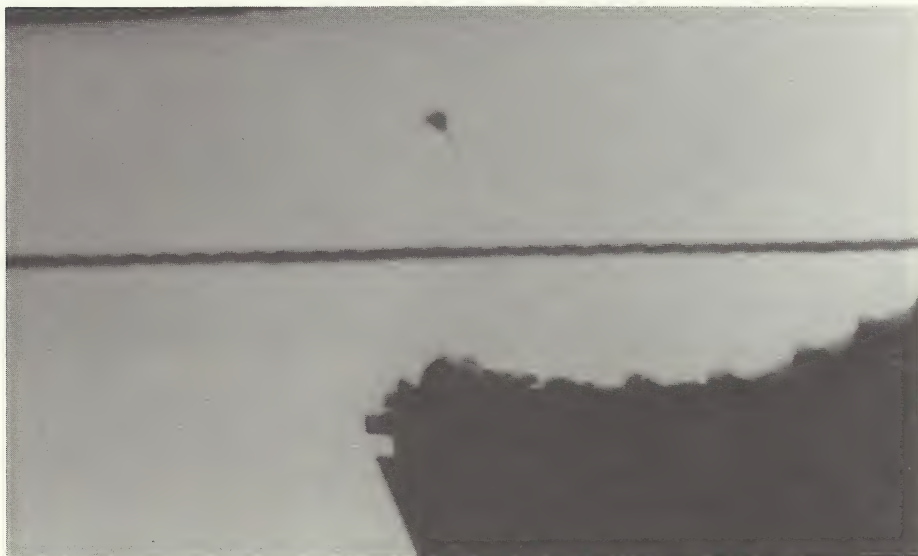
8 December 1975, 14:00, Nagoya City, Nagoya Prefecture, Japan. Hirohito Tanaka, a 12 year-old high school student, standing on the balcony of his home, snapped a number of pictures of a dark metallic hi-domed circular object that came down and flew over a neighboring house. On 3 September 1975 the same boy snapped 8 pictures of 6 similar machines being launched and recovered by a huge cigar-shaped craft flying far above the city. The images were too small and "grayed-out" in the atmospheric haze that day to reproduce well here. A similar event was photographed on 4 October 1975 by Tanaka in front of family witnesses.

9 April 1976, Nagoya City, Nagoya Prefecture, Japan      12:10

At about 12:10, midday, young high school student, Hirohito Tanaka, 13 years old, from his home in Nagoya City, happened to look up into the sky above, and saw a very dark, domed disc-like machine moving in zig-zag and falling leaf fashion about the sky. He could not see much detail, only noting the strange movement and thinking that it could not be a conventional airplane of any kind known to him.

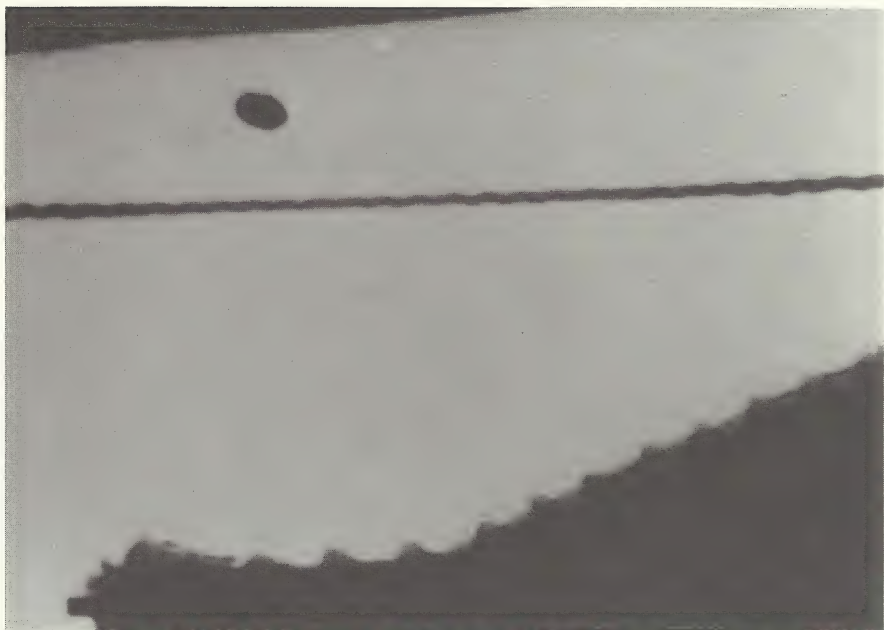
He went into the house and brought out a small camera with which he snapped 7 black and white photographs before it suddenly flew away. The total observation lasted five to six minutes.

This was not the first time young Tanaka had seen this kind of machine. He had seen and photographed the same or similar machines on 4 October and 8 December in 1975. He snapped 8 photographs of up to 6 similar machines launched by a large cigar-shaped mother craft over his home on 3 September 1975. The small domed objects went into and came out of the larger ship intermittently. Then they all went back inside and the whole affair accelerated rapidly up and out of sight.









9 April 1976, 12:10, Nagoya City, Nagoya Prefecture, Japan. Hirohito Tanaka, now 13 years old, again photographed the small hi-domed UFO craft as they flew about at low altitude over his city. Neighbors and relatives also observed the objects as he made his pictures. The object moved in an erratic zig-zag pattern in flight in the sky. He snapped 7 black and white photographs during the 6 minute observation.

20 May 1976, Kumamoto, Japan.

On 20 May 1976, Masami Sugiyama, a Japanese high school student from Yokohama, on an educational trip to Kumamoto Castle, snapped a beautiful photograph of a lens-shaped dark metallic object in the sky above the gabled roof of the shrine. Mr. Sugiyama did not see the object at the time the picture was made and was surprised to discover it in the print. Examination of the film clearly revealed a structured object registered in the emulsion of the film. This was definitely not a film or processing defect and nothing was picked up on the film in its handling. The object is a circular bi-convex craft with a dome on top and another on the bottom.



20 May 1976, Kumamoto, Japan. Masami Sugiyama of Yokohama, on an educational trip to Kumamoto Castle, photographed a mysterious object in the sky above the famous shrine.

November 1976, Off coast of Southern Herwang, West Indonesia

On an undetermined day in November 1976, at about 15:00 West Indonesian Time, Mr. Tony Hartono was taking photographs of the Oil Rig his company (Atlantic Richfield Indonesia, a subsidiary of the Texas based company) was building, in order to illustrate a progress report. He had one frame left and was standing on a platform facing the sea, pondering what else he could take a picture of in order to finish the roll.

Suddenly his attention was attracted to a little dark speck in the sky which grew larger as it approached his oil rig. It then became a yellowish color as it continued its approach and came quite near. Then it began to accelerate, made a sharp turn and sped away, while its glowing yellow color became a reddish hue. In the distance it shot upwards vertically at very high speed and went out of sight.

The photograph shows a quite large circular object of a dark reddish color with a thin reddish halo of a lighter color surrounding it at the middle. It is moving in the foreground at about a ten degree elevation above the horizon, with the drilling rig seen in the background, and is moving from left to right. The image shows some left to right displacement due to its motion while the drilling rig is sharp and clear, indicating no panning of the camera during the time the shutter was open.

The same oil rig was visited several times by UFOs during that time period, usually at night, when they were seen as strange nocturnal lights of unknown source. No other photographs were taken.

From J. Salatun, Air Vice Marshall, Indonesian Air Force.



November 1976, 15:00, Off South Herwang, West Indonesia. Mr. Tony Hartono, of Atlantic Richfield, Indonesia, a construction engineer on an undersea rig being built by his company, was returning to shore from the construction site when he spotted this strange circular object flying above the ocean platform he had just departed. He managed to get one picture of it, the last frame on the roll, before it flew away.

## APPENDIX III

### Translations Into French

As material for this book was in typesetting for publication, word came to us that another book on the Chinese UFO cases had been translated into French and was being published in France. We were unable to get a copy of the French translations at first and so we proceeded with what we had.

The prestigious English UFO journal, *Flying Saucer Review*, one of the most scholarly in the world, succeeded in publishing a review of the new French book in the *FSR* Vol. 28, NO. 6, reproduced here for your information and examination.

Our reading of this review showed that all of our material was not in common with the French translations and perhaps not too much of it. The French book seems to have only a dozen or so illustrations whereas we were able to obtain more than 50. We hope that this book is a complement to the French work and theirs to ours, and that we can both benefit from the increase in knowledge of the matter. In any case, we now have the Chinese UFO material available for study in English for us here in the west.

The French book may be ordered from *Mercure de France*, 26 rue de Conde, Paris 8<sup>e</sup>, FRANCE. The price is F115.00 plus F20.80 postage and seammil. Order "La Chine et les Extra-terrestres" by Shi-Bo. (1983 price)



# A NEW BOOK ON THE UFO SITUATION IN CHINA

FSR has now made contact with the UFO researchers on the Mainland of China, and is receiving their journal, FEIDIE TANSUO (Fei-Tieh Tan-So, *Journal of UFO Research*), published in Lanzhou (Lanzhou), N.W. China. Its first issue, dated February 25, 1981, selling at Y 0.30 (its print was said to be 300,000!) was allegedly sold out in no time. However the merest cursory examination of the journal (in size and format resembling TIME Magazine) shows that No. 1 was taken up almost entirely with translations of congratulatory messages from foreign investigators or with generalized discussions of "Life in Space", etc. Of real reports from China of any great interest (other than the run-of-the-mill "lights in the sky") we have seen little so far, and one may doubt whether we shall see anything very spectacular published in that quarter, if only because of the strong and evident Marxist fear of "being laughed at" or of stepping out of line. One particular sky phenomenon reported in the journal is however a sort of gigantic "Catherine Wheel" in the sky, of which both photographs and sketches are given. This is interesting, as there was a recent Swedish report of something apparently identical, which we hope to publish in due course.

## Establishment of C.U.R.O.

In the autumn of 1982, Mr Paul Dong (real name LIN Wen-Wei), the representative in the U.S.A. of the FEIDIE TAN(S)UO and the scientific adviser to its publishers, the *China UFO Research Organization* (C.U.R.O.), announced that the group had now gathered a total of 600 Chinese UFO sightings of all dates, which they proposed to translate into English and publish in due course.

The Assistant Editor of FEIDIE TANSUO is a 42-year-old Chinese journalist named SHI BO, born in Shanghai and now working in Peking. A typical feature of this gentleman (the Chinese are the world's most brilliant linguists while the Japanese are probably the worst) is that, although he has scarcely ever set foot outside of China (not an easy thing to do these days, Comrades!) he writes perfect French.

Although the evidence for "ufological phenomena" runs in abundance right through the vast literature and historical records of China (the writer of this note was unfortunate enough to see a UFO himself over Western China in the summer of 1941 and has since paid a heavy price for it) the Chinese did not even become aware of the "UFO Problem" until the more acute abominations of the so-called "Cultural Revolution" were over --- in other words not until about

1978 (more than thirty years after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting which initiated the UFO furore in the Western world).

In September 1978 Shi Bo started to set up a UFO reporting network throughout China, and even began to make contact with researchers in the U.S.A.: that centre, as Aimé Michel observes, of all that is evil and imperialistic and reactionary in the eyes of the Comrades. Shi Bo also made contact with Henri Bastide in France, which in turn led to a suggestion that he write a book on the UFOs in China. This he has now done, and the work duly appeared early this year (Mercure de France, Paris) under the title *La Chine et les Extraterrestres*, with a preface by Aimé Michel. The book has footnotes added by a French scientist of high repute who, not surprisingly, wishes to remain anonymous "in view of the venomous and personal quarrels so characteristic of UFO researchers".

(What a wise chap.)

## Curious current "freedom" in China.

Ruminating on this curious "loosening up" in China on UFOs, just at the time when everywhere else there is a clamping down on them, Aimé Michel speculates that it might indicate that the Chinese authorities are doing this deliberately in order to break an American-Soviet "concordat" on silence about the UFOs. He may of course be right, but it is surely far, far more likely that the new Chinese Ruling Class have hitherto been much too busy oppressing their own people to dwell upon or learn about UFOs, and that when in due course they do find out a little more about them they won't lose much time in putting an end to all this nonsense of UFO investigation just as is being done in Russia where (to our immense pride) FSR was recently banned from the mails. (Though if you do absolutely have to see FSR in connection with your work, you can still travel to Moscow from Siberia or Kazakhstan or wherever you are, and "sign the book", and be permitted to consult us in the august precincts of the USSR Academy of Sciences who, for some very curious reason, still take quite a few copies of each issue of our journal!)

## Similarity of Chinese and foreign UFO reports

As Aimé Michel emphasises, what is most striking about Shi Bo's book is the fact that, although the thousand-million-odd Chinese know virtually nothing about the great world outside, have never heard, until recently, of UFOs, and have never read or heard of

any of the foreign reports of UFOs over these past 30 years, nevertheless their eyewitness accounts of UFO sightings, as gathered by Shi Bo and his friends, are more or less identical with what has been reported throughout the rest of the world. So the psychosis is a very interesting one. As Aimé Michel comments: "*Un fait massif, stupéfiant, dont il faudrait d'ormais tenir compte.*" ("A massive, astounding fact of which it will be necessary to take account in future.") China had always been a world apart — but now even more so under its new tyrants. Our clever sceptics will have to explain how this figment of the mind, the "UFO", could have appeared and taken root in China precisely as it has done elsewhere in the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe and with (so far as we can see) precisely the same features. "Mental contagion" and "infiltration of decadent western bourgeois ideas" is no doubt the answer. *Like jeans. And pop music.*

Shi Bo's book has a dozen UFO photos and several sketches — all very run-of-the mill and inconclusive, just about what we have seen from the rest of the world, except perhaps for the gigantic "Catherine-Wheel firecracker", which may possibly be something new?

Chapter 1 deals with reports received from the Chinese Army; Chapter 2 covers reports prior to 1980, and Chapter 3 describes a UFO wave in China in 1981. Chapter 4 deals exclusively with reports of humanoids and close encounters, and as many folk realize that these are the kernel of the UFO problem I shall confine myself to giving here a resumé of this one chapter.

#### Humanoid and close encounter cases

##### 1. "A Man with a big Head". End of August 1971. Szechuan Province, Far West of China (probably in the vicinity of the city of Chungking).

An oldish peasant named Zhang Rongchang was on guard over a field of maize. Suddenly, at noon, as he was on the road to the village to get his lunch, he perceived a man with a huge head approaching. When they were no more than five or six metres apart, the entity halted. Alarmed, Zhang shouted twice: "*What do you want?*", but got no reply. He said the entity looked well proportioned and very human in general appearance apart from the head. It was wearing a thick, one-piece "Space-suit" type of garment, from feet to neck. This garment seemed to be made of metallic sheets which shone so brightly in the sunlight that it dazzled Zhang and made it difficult for him to see many features of the being such as the arms and legs, etc. The gait of the being was stiff and totally silent, but it walked more rapidly than humans do. His huge head was three times the size of a normal human head, and encased in a helmet, so that the witness could see no details of the facial features. Terri-

fied, the peasant took to his heels and fled. After running some distance, he stopped and looked back, but the creature had mysteriously vanished. Zhang gave the alarm in the village and some of the younger peasants sallied out to investigate, but found nothing.

The experience left Zhang Rongchang prostrated with shock and his fear and tension never left him. His health collapsed completely, and he died in January 1972.

(Shi Bo admits that he has no doubt whatsoever about the veracity of this case, but he also admits that he did not dare to publish it in FEIDIE TANSUO.)

##### 2. "A Luminous Black Man." July 29, 1974. Lanzhou (Lanchow) Gansu Province (Far N.W. China).

Ke Jingzhi, a student at the construction workers' polytechnic at Lanzhou, met a luminous black being in 1974 but was far too frightened to mention it to anybody until he heard of the appearance of the journal FEIDIE TANSUO. (It happens to be published in Lanzhou. G.C.)

At about 9.00 p.m. on July 29, 1974, in the district of Genqing (Gansu Province), Ke was walking through some vegetable gardens to the workers' canteen for his evening meal when he beheld a tall robust man (about 1 m. 80), all black, standing right in front of him. As it was dark he could see no facial features, but the entity was plainly visible in the darkness because its whole body was faintly luminous. Ke thought it must be another peasant coming to inspect the irrigation system, and shouted: "Who's there?" The luminous entity remained motionless and silent. Ke then shouted: "Come here, or I'll knock your block off!" At once the entity began to glow more brightly, and then he vanished into the nearby tall grass, where Ke sought for him for some time in vain. Then, overcome with panic, Ke Jingzhi fled.

Owing to the so-called "Cultural Revolution" then in full spate, Ke did not dare to tell anybody. But, two days later, two of the leaders of his production-brigade reported that they had encountered a black man, faintly luminous, at precisely the same spot. After that, all the peasants were in such a state of panic that nobody dared to go near the vegetable gardens even in broad daylight. Not long afterwards, Ke Jingzhi saw a copy of FEIDIE TANSUO, and finding in it an article about M.I.B.'s in the U.S.A., decided to report his experience to the journal.

##### 3. "A Man in Black." 1963. Yangquan, Shansi Province.

Li Jingyang, a worker of Shansi Province, told a journalist who was investigating UFO reports that, in 1963, when aged six, he was playing with some other boys in the street among mine-workers' houses near Yangquan, when they saw a shining, silvery disc hang-

ing stationary and silent in the air very close to them. It was about seven or eight metres wide and shaped like one plate reversed on top of another plate. No portholes or windows were visible. It looked hermetically sealed and its metallic surface was very smooth. The boys surmised it must be some new type of aeroplane.

The next day, when he was alone on the street, a very tall man dressed entirely in black came up to Li Jingyang and barred his path, and demanded to know whether he had seen a disc in the sky on the previous day? The boy did not understand at first, so the question was repeated. The boy replied: Yes, he had seen a disc. The man in black raised his right arm and pointed to the precise area of the sky where the disc had been, and asked: *Was it there?* The boy answered: Yes. Thereupon the M.I.B. advised him never to tell anyone else what he had seen, and refused to let the boy pass until he had extracted a promise from him to this effect.

Describing this M.I.B. the witness said the creature's skin was extremely dark, but he recalled few other details. He added that many other people in the neighbourhood saw the M.I.B. and everybody was discussing him and his queer behaviour. When the M.I.B. walked, it was "in a mechanical fashion", and when he spoke, his mouth did not move. When he vanished from sight, he did so suddenly, turning a corner.

When questioned, Li Jingyang said he felt sure that the black entity was connected with the disc he had seen.

(Shi Bo and his colleagues were very, very loth to publish this one too, until it dawned upon them how often precisely similar cases had been recorded in the U.S.A. and Europe!)

#### 4. Three Trips in a UFO. May 1-3, 1981. Peking.

The name of the protagonist in this case ("A"), is being kept secret. He is a man who already took a great interest in such matters as UFOs and Parapsychology. He told investigators from the C.U.R.O. that at the end of April 1981 he went from his home town to Peking, where he was lodged in a hostel of the research institute for whom he worked.

One day, along with a woman ("B"), and another man ("C"), both of whom have extraordinarily unusual psychic powers ("B", for example, reads Chinese characters with her ears), he took part in an experiment to try to contact a UFO by telepathy. He got no answer, it seems, but "B" heard a voice saying: *"You will receive the answer tonight."*

On the night of May 1, 1981, "A" went to bed before 9.00 p.m., sleeping in a hostel dormitory with many others. Suddenly a voice whispered in his ear: *"Our craft is too small for two people. When you come aboard, we will put you under hypnosis."*

A UFO then entered the room, passing right

through the wall of the building, and a beam of light shot out from it and seized "A" and took him into the UFO which then slowly rose into the sky and finally moved off at high speed.

Through a porthole "A" viewed the pitch black sky speckled with stars. (The porthole was constantly opening and closing.)

He looked around him in the circular chamber and noted that everything was bathed in light as though it were broad day.

In the centre of the compartment there was a screen showing constellations and stars. Seated at the screen was a blonde girl, who said to him: "As a reward for your ardour in studying the UFOs we are taking you today for a trip through the immensity of Space." She then advised him to do the minimum of talking and concentrate on watching. He replied that he was feeling an uncomfortable sensation of *suppression* (French *suppression*: presumably what is meant is *pressure*: G.C.) But no sooner had he said this than he began to feel quite all right again.

The UFO soon approached a launching area. The blonde girl requested several times permission to land, but was refused each time. The UFO meanwhile was circling around over the launching area. Looking out, "A" saw that the area below was covered with lights, and that many UFOs of various shapes were standing parked near the control-tower. (Apart from the girl, he said he saw no other extraterrestrials.)

Half an hour later he was returned to the place from where they had taken him.

#### Second UFO Trip (May 2/3, 1981)

During the night of May 2, while he was asleep, "A" again heard the voice inviting him to enter the UFO, and felt himself lifted up by some unknown force and taken into the craft through a porthole.

This time he saw two girls there, two real Chinese girls from Peking. He seemed somehow to know them both, and yet could not recall their names.

The same blonde girl as before was also there and came forward to greet them, saying:

*"Today, you will be able to see your own ancestors, and see the original form of the Earth. You will also be able to verify Einstein's Theory."*

On the screen before them, the three Chinese passengers now beheld a series of images retracing the various epochs of China's ancient history, concluding with a view of the Earth as it used to be.

Meanwhile, in the twinkling of an eye, the UFO had again arrived over the launching area, and this time the permission to land was granted.

When the UFO landed, a group of Extraterrestrials (who quite resembled Terrestrials) approached the landed craft. "A" disembarked, and found himself being transported through the air. He was then set down on a slab and subjected to a detailed physical exami-

ation involving the use of instruments. After that he was taken back to his seat inside the UFO.

Next day, May 3, "A" saw "B". She had nothing to tell him, but her younger brother had a strange thing to relate. He said that, on the previous evening, he had seen a large flying craft which came and landed in his bedroom, and from it had emerged several men dressed in one-piece garments and carrying surgical instruments in their hands. They then laid him down on his bed and opened up his stomach and then sewed it up again instantly, and departed, having uttered not a word. ("B's" brother made a sketch of the craft and gave it to "A".)

The mother of "B" also testified to the C.U.R.O. researchers that she had heard a humming noise coming nearer and nearer until finally it seemed to enter the house, and finally it died away a few minutes later.

### Third UFO Trip, May 3/4, 1981

In the night of May 3/4, "A" had a long dream, in which he was chatting with some of the chief people in his Research Institute. Suddenly, somebody gave him a push. He opened his eyes, and saw a man standing there before him. This man's entire body was covered with short grey hairs and his skin looked like that of a mouse. And he had terrifying long teeth. He waved an arm and at once "A" rose up into the air and floated to the UFO, which was standing on the ground just outside the window.

Twenty minutes later the UFO landed again on the aliens' landing area and, guided by the man with the hairy "mouse skin", "A" was given a conducted tour of the place, where he saw many more "mouse-skin" creatures who were all busily engaged in the job of UFO maintenance. Then he was once more taken back into the craft in which he had come. [Compare these "mouse skin", hairy creatures with long teeth to the creatures in the Italian report on "rat-faced" entities on page 14 of this issue, G.C.]

On the return trip to Earth, the blonde girl chatted with "A" for five minutes, and he put to her a series of questions.

Q "Why don't you want to enter boldly into contact with Terrestrials?"

A "Because there are wars on the Earth. We are

devoted to peace. We don't want to cause harm to others.

Q "How much is your technology ahead of ours?"

A "By three or four thousand years."

Q "I have just seen all your UFOs on the launch area. You have lots of them. Could you offer us one for our scientific research?"

A "This request is acceptable, but at the moment we don't have any craft to spare. We will satisfy your request in the near future."

Q "Since you are able to know mankind's past history, no doubt you are able to know its future also?"

A "Certainly. But I must tell you straight away not to say a word about it to anybody. If not, we shall take severe measures against you."

In view of this warning, "A" refused to reveal the rest of the conversation.

As regards the appearance of the UFO, "A" drew a sketch of it, showing two rows of portholes. The craft consisted of one 'saucer' with a second smaller 'saucer' reversed on top of it.

In November 1981, "A" was ill for several days with a feverish chill. When he was better, he heard a voice one night saying:

"We inhabit a planet. We want to exchange scientific information with Terrestrials, with a view to raising the technological level of the Earth, for your civilization is too backward in Space."

"A" is now back in his home in Xian (Hsi-An, far N.W. of China) and he realizes that his nervous system is badly deranged. He gets frequent headaches. Medical examinations have established that he is suffering from a neurosis, whereas, previously, working as a scientific researcher, he had always been in good health with a normally functioning nervous system. Today (October 1981) he is having to attend hospital regularly for treatment.

The chapter on Humanoids ends as follows:

"We beg our readers not to laugh after reading these accounts, because those countries where Ufological research is developing most fruitfully are also producing such reports. There are hoaxes, yes. But, side by side with hoaxes, there are always serious reports too."

G.C.

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## APPENDIX IV

### Translations Into Italian

When he heard that we were collecting material on UFO cases in China, our good friend, Dr. Roberto Pinotti of Milano, long time UFO researcher and publisher of the superb Italian UFO journal, "Notiziario UFO", sent us a file of material reviewed in their issue No. 99, May-December 1981, in which they also published a survey of the changing scene and UFO reporting in the People's Republic of China, as viewed in 1981. Extracts from that article are also reproduced here for your information.

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# UFO IN CINA

di Edoardo Russo

Avevamo dato notizia su queste pagine (4) dell'inattesa "apertura" cinese all'ufologia. Nel frattempo le cose si sono notevolmente sviluppate, per cui torniamo sulla questione cercando di fornire un panorama il più completo possibile. Ci scusiamo con i lettori per la nostra scarsa dimestichezza con la translitterazione dei nomi cinesi, che purtroppo varia a seconda delle fonti. Ove possibile abbiamo usato sia la forma "ufficialmente" adottata alcuni anni fa, sia - tra parentesi - quella in uso precedentemente, che in genere corrisponde alla pronuncia.

Mentre di UFO in Russia e nei paesi al di là della cortina di ferro si è sempre un po' parlato, la Cina è costantemente rimasta un "oggetto misterioso" quanto a UFO.

Fino a poco tempo fa, si sapeva pochissimo di quanto avveniva in questo Paese, che pure ha una popolazione pari a circa un quarto di quella terrestre, perfino tramite informazioni non controllabili filtrate attraverso gli ufologi giapponesi.

Il dispaccio dell'Associated Press del 14 luglio 1947 a proposito dell' "enorme piatto che emetteva raggi luminosi in tutte le direzioni e abbagliava quelli che lo vedevano" nei pressi del palazzo d'estate di Pechino (4) costituiva in effetti l'unica segnalazione di prima mano cinese, mentre a partire dalla vittoria della rivoluzione, nel 1949, la "cortina di bambù" isolò la Cina Popolare dall'Occidente anche in tema di segnalazioni ufologiche.

Il silenzio più assoluto, eguagliato da nessun altro paese del mondo, esistette nella Repubblica Popolare Cinese per tutti gli anni in cui fu al potere Mao Zedong (Mao Tse-tung). Gli UFO - specialmente nel periodo della "rivoluzione culturale" - erano un non-fatto, qualcosa di cui non si parlava, non si scriveva, che non esisteva, a rischio di risultare "controrivoluzionari".

Fu infatti in modo abbastanza contorto che, dal Giappone, arrivarono le due foto (per lungo tempo "uniche") prese nei dintorni di Kaifeng, nella provincia dell'Hou-nang, il mattino del 28 ottobre 1961 da un giovane ingegnere di nome Chang Ching-lai. L'oggetto, osservato da parecchie persone per circa sette minuti, sembrava a bassa quota e appariva ora stazionario ora in movimento lento, finché fu fuori della portata visiva dei testimoni. Le foto vennero portate fuori del paese da un mercante cinese che viveva in Giappone e che si trovava all'epoca in visita sul posto, e fu pubblicata dalla C.B.A. International (6).

Un'altra foto cinese, presa nel 1941 o nel 1942 sulla città di Tientsin, è stata più recentemente pubblicata dall'I.C.U.F.O.N.,

che l'avrebbe ricevuta dal Giappone. Secondo il direttore dell'ente ufologico statunitense, Colman Von Keviczky, l'immagine sarebbe stata scoperta da uno scolaro del distretto di Gunma fra le carte del padre dopo la morte di questo. Esisterebbe anche una versione non confermata secondo la quale lo stesso oggetto sarebbe stato avvistato da truppe dell'Esercito di Liberazione Comunista (14).

Un'altra fonte di notizie in Occidente era costituita da documenti, fino a pochi anni fa coperti da segreto militare e recentemente declassificati dalla C.I.A., dalla D.I.A., dal Dipartimento di Stato ed altri enti militari e dei servizi segreti statunitensi.

Esistono per esempio dei rapporti dei servizi d'informazione dell'U.S. Air Force da Hong Kong, che registravano una serie di avvistamenti tra il 1958 e il 1960 nelle province del Sinkiang, dell'Heilungkiang e dell'Arsalan. In quest'ultima regione, dove vive la minoranza etnica dei Kazhaki, "una sfera rossa delle dimensioni approssimative di una grande stella" sorvolò la città di Kuldja. Secondo il rapporto, "ogni volta che cambiava direzione restava stazionaria per circa due minuti".

Non aveva alone né coda e non si rilevò alcun suono". Altre "stelle" erano state avvistate prevalentemente sopra l'aeroporto della città. Un altro dei rapporti riferiva che un contadino kazhako aveva sentito parlare di una "luce strana rossa a forma di stella" che appariva nei dintorni d'un villaggio. Un paio di giorni dopo lo stesso contadino venne informato dai suoi amici che un altro contadino "si era imbattuto in un oggetto fra i cespugli che si credeva fosse la fonte della luce sull'arsalan e l'aveva portato alla fabbrica locale del governo". Il rapporto continua riferendo della visita del primo contadino alla fabbrica, dove ebbe l'opportunità di vedere "una cassa aperta di metallo con lastre delle dimensioni di 40 centimetri di larghezza, 20 di altezza e 20 di lunghezza". I resti di un satellite artificiale sovietico?

Altri dati sull'attività UFO in Cina provenivano di volta in volta dal Giappone o da Hong Kong. Una lettera firmata da Wu Chiyuan e ricevuta in Giappone anni fa riferiva che all'epoca in cui "ero membro di uno squadrone di Truppe di Costruzione Nazionale e nel corso di alcune manovre fui testimone di un oggetto abbastanza grande a forma di disco e di color-arancio. Eravamo tutti molto sorpresi. L'oggetto scese come un aereo in picchiata molto in basso e con angolo di 25 gradi. Non sentimmo alcun suono e nel giro di un minuto

si sollevò verso l'alto fino a scomparire".

Una serie di testimonianze di rifugiati cinesi venne raccolta da un giornalista del quotidiano di Hong Kong **South Morning Post**, secondo il quale non c'era nessuna ragione di pensare che i rifugiati stessero mentendo, dato che "non avevano nulla da guadagnarci". Lo stesso articolista citava un ufficiale della polizia di Hong Kong che aveva sentito "una mezza dozzina di persone riferire che gli UFO costituiscono un problema per Pechino. Alcuni hanno indicato che le autorità militari sono interessate agli UFO".

Un'altra lettera sarebbe stata ricevuta nel 1963 dal direttore della rivista americana "Flying Saucers", Ray Palmer. Il testo era il seguente:

"Sono un membro del quello che nel vostro paese chiamate club dei dischi volanti. Anche nel nostro paese vediamo dischi. Li riconosciamo come amici in un modo che voi non fate nel vostro paese. Non sappiamo cosa siano ma esistono ed anche il governo lo sa. Ma noi cogliamo l'opportunità di usarli per combattere i nostri oppressori nel modo migliore. È il nostro modo di "coprire" le nostre attività.

"Quindi siamo perseguitati. Nel mio caso è stato un disastro. Ve lo racconterò brevemente.

"Ho ripreso coscienza al suono di ruote che cigolavano e mi sono trovato ancora vivo sul terreno gelido ghiacciato. Ne sono stato molto sorpreso perché pensavo che sarei morto. Eravamo a un incontro del nostro gruppo e mi spiace dirlo ma è vero, che nel nostro paese la tristezza e il dolore della povertà non sono le preoccupazioni della vita sociale ma i grandi capi, gli emancipatori del popolo, sono ufficiali governativi violenti e senza principi che esigono troppo dal loro potere e dalla loro autorità. Ci sono anche quelli che non si vergognano di farsi corrompere, di offrire informazioni riservate su ogni argomento in ogni momento in cambio di rapidi elevamenti della propria posizione sociale.

"È questo che ci è successo. Gli ufficiali hanno fatto un attacco improvviso durante il nostro incontro e hanno sparato sui nostri amici. Questo perché uno di noi, non un amico ma un traditore, ha rivelato il nostro incontro agli ufficiali dicendo che eravamo traditori della Cina e sostenitori dell'imperialismo degli Stati Uniti d'America. Noi combattiamo solo per la libertà della Cina.

"Io sono vivo ma i miei amici no. Ecco perché non posso darvi il permesso di usare il mio nome, ma ve lo do confidenzialmente perché sappiate che in Cina i dischi vo-





## La foto presa a Tientsin nel 1942.

lanti sono un simbolo di libertà e che combattono contro Pechino" (1).

Nel 1968 il quotidiano malese in lingua cinese "**Malaya Tung Pao**" pubblicò il resoconto di un avvistamento localmente cui compariva quella che l'ufologo e linguista britannico Gordon Creighton definì "la versione cinese del termine UFO", la cui translitterazione sarebbe stata "lai-ti pu-ming-ti fei-hsing wu-t'i", cioè all'incirca "oggetto volante di provenienza non chiara" (2).

### UFO SU PECHINO

In effetti gli UFO erano visti anche in Cina, e non si peritavano di violare lo spazio aereo della capitale.

Una sera dell'estate 1965, sulla verticale della movimentata strada di Chongwen, in pieno centro di Beijing (Peking), apparve improvvisamente una luce brillante che era seguita da un altro punto luminoso. Con grande sorpresa dei passanti e degli operai al lavoro di notte, i due oggetti giocavano a inseguirsi e cambiavano continuamente di direzione. Molti abitanti che prendevano il fresco per strada osservarono il fenomeno. Secondo l'ufficio dell'aviazione non potevano assolutamente essere due aerei, perché agli aeroplani era vietato sorvolare la capitale.

Nell'autunno del 1967, in piena notte, un oggetto di forma rotonda apparve nel cielo della periferia di Pechino. Di colore rosso scuro, grande come due case, la forma luminosa era osservata verso le due del mattino dalla sentinella Dong Guareli mentre si spostava a grande velocità lungo la rotta aerea da sud a nord. Di tanto in tanto si arrestava e rimaneva immobile in cielo. Sembrava che la sua velocità sia inferiore a quella di un aereo, e scomparire in lontananza nel giro di 15 minuti. Altri testimoni dell'evento sono due tecnici delle "Scienze cinesi". (3)

Questi avvistamenti, ed altri che giungevano dalle province, indussero il governo cinese a formare negli anni '70 un gruppo di studio accademico per esaminare la

questione (14).

### LA SVOLTA

Il primo segno che le cose stavano per cambiare dovette attendere la scomparsa del "Grande timoniere" e lo sbaraglio della "Banda dei quattro" ad opera della "destra" del Partito Comunista Cinese, e venne dal principale giornale cinese, il "Quotidiano del popolo", che il 13 novembre 1978 pubblicava in sesta pagina (rubrica di notizie internazionali) un articolo intitolato "UFO: un misterioso rompicapo mondiale" a firma di un membro dell'Accademia Cinese delle Scienze, Sheng Heng Yen, il quale affermava tra l'altro: "Con lo sviluppo della scienza e della tecnologia e con il tempo, se esistono cose come gli UFO o gli extraterrestri, presto arriverà il giorno in cui questo mistero mondiale potrà essere risolto". L'articolo venne addirittura trasmesso alla radio (7, 14).

I semi erano gettati, l'argomento non era più tabù e cominciarono a diffondersi sulla stampa cinese casi sia stranieri sia nazionali.

Il 21 settembre 1979 fu il secondo quotidiano per importanza in Cina, il **Guangming** (Kwong Ming), che si occupa prevalentemente di problemi scientifici e culturali, a pubblicare un articolo (intitolato "Esistono i dischi volanti"?), a firma del redattore scientifico della Radio-televisione di Pechino, Zhou Xinyan (Chou Hsin Yen), articolo di cui diede addirittura notizia l'agenzia ufficiale cinese di notizie "Nuova Cina" (8, 14), ripresa a sua volta dall'**Associated Press** in un dispaccio da Hong Kong il giorno successivo che fece il giro del mondo (3, 4).

Il primo caso riportato dall'articolo riferiva dell'avvistamento di uno studente di scuola superiore ed altre persone nella provincia dell'Hubei (Hu Pei), nella Cina centrale, una sera del 1977. Lo studente avrebbe raccontato all'antropologo Yuen Zhaxin, che lavorava nella zona, che l'og-

getto era rotondo, delle dimensioni di una bacchetta con luci gialle e bianche, e si muoveva lentamente in cerchio, rimanendo visibile per circa un minuto. L'articolo riferiva inoltre che avvistamenti "collettivi" di UFO erano stati effettuati da reparti dell'esercito sua nell'Hubei sia nella Mongolia interna, senza menzionarne le date ma descrivendo l'oggetto dell'Hubei come "una palla simile alla luna circondata da vapori simili a nebbia", che "emettendo getti di vapore si sollevò nel cielo per qualche secondo, poi di nuovo, e scomparve in pochi secondi" (3).

A questo fece seguito poco tempo dopo un lungo articolo del professor Weng Shida, dell'Ufficio Centrale di Meteorologia, che negava invece l'esistenza di UFO, attribuendo gli avvistamenti a oggetti naturali e artificiali conosciuti: palloni, aerei, uccelli, insetti, ecc. (9).

Il 12 maggio 1980 il **Guangming** pubblicava il primo di una serie di articoli (intitolato "Alcune osservazioni sull'argomento degli UFO") in cui Lin Wenge esprimeva dati e conoscenze estere in tema di oggetti volanti non identificati. (8, 14)

Il 1980, che nel calendario cinese era "l'anno della scimmia", è stato non a torto definito "l'anno dell'UFO": articoli su avvistamenti antichi e recenti apparvero sui giornali e riviste (14), venne pubblicato il primo libro, tradotto dal giapponese (8), fu scattata la "prima foto cinese" e nacquero associazioni e riviste ufologiche, come diretta conseguenza del crescente interesse del pubblico cinese per l'argomento.

L'atteggiamento della comunità scientifica si è dimostrato straordinariamente aperto. Il redattore scientifico del **Guangming**, Ching Tao, affermò che "nel contesto della partecipazione scientifica, gli UFO costituiscono solo una parte d'un ampio spettro di studi e indagini. Senza uno studio formale gli UFO non possono essere scartati come semplicemente il prodotto di menti illuse". In forma simile ma più decisa ancora Hsieh Chu, redattore della rivista "**Conoscenza aerospaziale**" ha scritto: "Non si può negare che gli UFO esistono, dato il gran numero di avvistamenti che sono stati registrati fino ad oggi in questo paese" (14).

### NASCE L'UFOLOGIA CINESE

Alla fine del 1979, uno di studente di fisica presso l'università di Wu-han (provincia dell'Hubei), di nome Cha Lok Ping, scrisse alla rivista "Conoscenza aerospaziale" una lettera in cui chiedeva ai suoi compari di lanciare uno studio organizzato sugli UFO (7). Quando la lettera fu pubblicata molti lettori risposero favorevolmente, così che nel maggio del 1980 venne creata l'"Organizzazione Cinese per la Ricerca Ufologica" (**China UFO Research Organization**, in sigla CURO) attorno ad un preesistente gruppo informale di appassionati dell'università di Wuhan che avevano già raccolto circa 200 casi cinesi degli ultimi anni. (13) Ben presto la neonata associazione, diretta dal ventiseienne studente in astrofisica Cha Leping, arrivò a più di 300 membri: in maggioranza studenti - in ventisei province ed ottenne il riconoscimento di una organizzazione ufficiale, la "Società cinese per lo studio del futuro", creata per lo studio dei fenomeni inspiegati (7, 8, 10, 13).

senza peraltro che ciò comportasse alcun aiuto governativo<sup>(1)</sup>, tant'è che la rivista della CURO, intitolata "Ricerca UFO" era manoscritta<sup>(9)</sup>.

Il 9 novembre 1980, il **Beijing Wanbao** (Quotidiano della sera di Pechino) pubblicava una lettera ed una foto, di cui erano autori due studenti dell'Istituto Minerario di Pechino, Xin Sheng e Bi Jiang, che la notte fra il 23 e il 24 agosto si trovavano in tenda in una valle del distretto di Changping, alla periferia nordorientale della capitale, nei pressi delle tombe del Ming, vicino alla Grande Muraglia<sup>(5, 8, 10, 14)</sup> insieme ad un terzo compagno.

"Verso le 4,08, mentre osservavamo le stelle, abbiamo visto un oggetto che emetteva luce bianca sorgere da dietro una montagna ad est. Al principio, parzialmente nascosto dalla montagna, somigliava ad una luna incompleta. Ma dati i suoi movimenti regolari decidemmo che era un UFO. Saltammo su un masso per poterlo osservare meglio, ciò che facemmo per circa un'ora. Allontanandosi ci sembrò un gruppo di tre stelle; in altri momenti s'avvicinava e poi si allontanava di nuovo fluttuando. Durante tutta l'osservazione non fece alcun rumore"<sup>(13)</sup>.

L'articolo e la foto - che il quotidiano cinese definiva "la prima fotografia di un UFO in Cina" - vennero riprese dall'agenzia occidentale di notizie **United Press International** in data 5 novembre e diffuse in tutto il mondo.

Pochi giorni dopo, la rivista "**Natura**" riferiva che avvistamenti di UFO si erano avuti in 15 province e che si trattava per lo più di corpi rotondi di colore argenteo se diurni, arancioni se notturni<sup>(5)</sup>. Anche quest'articolo, ripreso dall'agenzia ufficiale cinese di notizie "Nuova Cina", fece il giro del mondo<sup>(5, 12)</sup>.

Il 28 dello stesso mese, il **Beijing Wanbao** dava con rilievo la notizia della costituzione della CURO, della sua affiliazione alla "Società per la ricerca del futuro" e degli avvistamenti fino allora raccolti<sup>(6)</sup>.

Pochi giorni dopo, il 4 dicembre 1980, l'agenzia "Nuova Cina" annunciava al mondo che la **China UFO Research Organization** era divenuta un ente ufficiale sotto forma di sezione dell'Accademia Cinese di Scienze Sociali<sup>(7, 14)</sup>.

## AVVISTAMENTI

A partire dalla fine del 1980, su giornali e riviste cinesi sono apparsi resoconti di decine di avvistamenti locali. Ne riportiamo alcuni esempi.

- 1976: il 9 settembre alle 18 un gruppo di impiegati della Seconda Fabbrica Chimica di Jangxi, così come degli abitanti della città di Yichum, osservarono chiaramente un oggetto metallico che ruotava sul suo asse verticale<sup>(14)</sup>.

- 1977: la sera del 7 luglio più di tremila persone guardavano il film rumeno "Allarme sul delta del Danubio" all'aria aperta a Zhangpu nella provincia di Fujian. Verso le 20,30 una parte degli spettatori vide due oggetti misteriosi che scendevano in picchiata verso di loro volando così basso che toccavano quasi il suolo. Gli oggetti emettevano una viva luce arancione e volavano vicinissimi senza emettere alcun rumore. Nel panico che seguì due bambini furono

caplesti a morte a trecento persone rimasero ferite, mentre gli UFO si allontanavano nel cielo. L'ufficio di pubblica sicurezza prese visione del film nelle stesse condizioni atmosferiche ma non si produsse nulla di anormale<sup>(13)</sup>.

- 1977: il 26 luglio alle 22 l'astronomo Zhang Zhousheng (Cheung Chou Shun) dell'osservatorio di Yunnan vide sulla città di Chengdu un oggetto luminoso spiraleiforme dal centro giallastro, da cui si dipartivano tre o quattro anelli bluastri. L'oggetto si muoveva in linea retta e scomparve in 5 secondi<sup>(11, 14)</sup>.

- 1979: l'11 novembre un funzionario delle fattorie Fan Da a Guangxi vide un oggetto argenteo che volava a gran velocità, e sembrava spandere un liquido o una polvere<sup>(13)</sup>.

- 1979: la sera del 25 dicembre alle ore 20 due studenti dell'Istituto metallurgico di Kunming videro una semisfera luminosa di color rosso sangue con i contorni bianchi immobile sull'orizzonte che di colpo si mosse velocissimo verso di loro ruotando su se stesso e diventando di forma ellittica, per poi rimpicciolirsi e allontanarsi in pochi secondi<sup>(11, 14)</sup>.

- 1980: alle 3 del mattino del 5 ottobre un gruppo di macchinisti a pesca nei pressi di Dagang videro un cono che volava e guardandolo sentirono un forte calore sul viso, "come se fossimo sotto una fornace"; l'oggetto emetteva una luce molto viva rossa brillante e verde sui bordi, mentre la coda era bianca. L'UFO emetteva un suono simile a un soffio<sup>(13)</sup>.

- 1980: il 5 novembre due impiegati dell'officina tessile di Jinghai che si erano alzati presto videro un oggetto discoidale che emetteva una luce verde e si spostava lungo una traiettoria irregolare scomparendo verso est per poi ricomparire dopo qualche minuto e allontanarsi verso ovest<sup>(10, 13)</sup>.

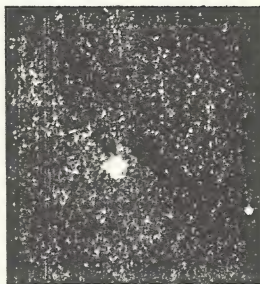
- 1980: alle ore 22 dell'11 novembre tre studenti dell'università di Wuhan osservarono un oggetto a forma di piatto con due luci gialle e due bianche per circa un quarto d'ora mentre volava lentamente verso nord-est e poi verso sud-ovest<sup>(10, 13)</sup>.

## UFO E MILITARI

Un buon numero di avvistamenti hanno avuto per protagonisti membri delle forze armate cinesi, che in alcuni casi hanno reagito "male" alla presenza delle insolite apparizioni celesti.

Nell'estate del 1968 quattro cannonieri della guarnigione navale di Luda che stavano pattugliando la costa, furono sfiorati da un oggetto luminoso color oro di forma ovale che volava a filo dell'acqua a velocità incredibile. Contemporaneamente i radar e le telecomunicazioni delle navi cessarono di funzionare, quasi causando un incidente all'avvicinarsi di altre due navi della flotta cinese, scambiate per navi nemiche. Intanto dei guardiacoste avevano visto atterrare l'UFO sulla riva e l'avevano mitragliato ma l'oggetto era scomparso misteriosamente<sup>(8)</sup>.

Nell'estate del 1970 un contadino di Taining (provincia di Fujian) si imbatté una sera in un oggetto metallico volante a forma di piatto che scendeva sulla collina vicina emettendo una luce verde brillante. Posatosi sul pendio, l'oggetto si mise a diffonde-



re "una musica incomprensibile". Il contadino avvertì le autorità che fecero immediatamente circondare la zona da centinaia di soldati. Ma l'UFO si sollevò in volo scomparendo nel cielo<sup>(8)</sup>.

Il 26 luglio 1978 alle ore 9,40, Sha Yongkai, istruttore di volo presso l'aeroporto militare di Shansi, si imbatté in due UFO mentre pilotava un aereo scuola a 3.000 metri di quota. I due oggetti, non rilevati dal radar dalla torre di controllo, fecero due giri intorno all'aereo prima di scomparire<sup>(8)</sup>.

Il 23 ottobre 1978, due giorni, dopo la sparizione del pilota australiano Valentich, alle ore 20 parecchie centinaia tra piloti dell'aviazione militare e personale di terra dell'aeroporto di Kansu osservarono un grande oggetto volante con due fari luminosi sorvolare la base da est a ovest lasciandosi dietro una scia luminosa<sup>(5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14)</sup>.

Nella seconda metà del febbraio 1979 l'istruttore di volo Sha Yongkai vide per la seconda volta un oggetto estremamente luminoso mentre pilotava un aereo sopra la città di Houfua. L'oggetto era molto più veloce del suo caccia<sup>(8)</sup>.

## UN CASO DI "ABBUCTION"

Pure militare è il protagonista di un caso di "rapimento" estremamente simile a quello noto del capitano cileno Valdés, che il 25 aprile 1977 sparì sotto gli occhi dei suoi soldati in presenza di una forte luce, tornando un quarto d'ora dopo con la barba lunga, l'orologio in ritardo di 15 minuti ma avanti di cinque giorni.

Una notte d'autunno del 1975 due soldati di guardia davanti alla porta della caserma di un battaglione dell'esercito popolare nel distretto di Jianshui (provincia del Yunnan) notarono improvvisamente nel cielo davanti a loro un immenso oggetto volante a forma di piatto.

L'oggetto era rosso-arancio e girava sopra le loro teste come se stesse sorvegliando la caserma. Una delle due sentinelle entrò per dare l'allarme e quando il comandante è arrivato con i suoi soldati all'in-



gresso, l'altro era sparito. Ufficiali e comandanti cercarono nella caserma e nei dintorni per alcune ore senza risultato, poi le 4 sentinelle lasciate alla porta sentirono un gemito provenire da dietro di loro e voltatisi trovarono il loro compagno scomparso davanti alla porta, con barba e capelli lunghi come se fossero passati parecchi giorni. L'uomo non si ricordava nulla, il suo orologio era fermo e sia il fucile che l'orologio erano leggermente magnetizzati (8).

## UFO NEL PASSATO

In un paese ricco di tradizioni di "draghi" e cose volanti, gli ufologi cinesi non hanno inoltre fatto fatica a rintracciare testimonianze "storiche".

Secondo il redattore capo aggiunto della rivista "Ricerca UFO", Shi Bo, "le leggende cinesi, specie quelle del 'Viaggio ad occidente', del Feng-Shen-Yen-i, del Liu-Shi-Ch'un-Ch'iu e dello Shan-Hai-Jing, raccontano di combattimenti aerei o di fenomeni UFO" (8).

Nel Feng-Shen-Yen-i si legge: "Nocha, salito sulla sua ruota di fuoco e di vento, sconfisse Chang-Kuo-Fung dopo aver chiamato in aiuto le legioni dei draghi d'argento che volano".

Il grande storico cinese Sheng Gua, che visse sotto la dinastia Song, scrisse un celebre libro intitolato "Racconti sul bordo d'un ruscello di sogni" nel quale si legge al capitolo 369 ("Cose straniere"):

"Nel corso del regno dell'imperatore Jia-You (1056-1063 d.C.), a Yangzhou (Jiangsu), ci fu un'enorme pietra che si vedeva soprattutto nelle ore d'oscurità. Al principio appariva nelle paludi del distretto Tian-chang, passava dal lago Bishe e scompariva infine nel lago Xinkai. Gli abitanti di questa regione e i viaggiatori la videro frequentemente per più di 10 anni. Avevo un amico che abitava in riva al lago. Una sera vide dalla finestra quest'enorme pietra luminosa vicino a casa sua. Egli socchiuse la porta e la luce passò illuminando brevemente la stanza. La cosa aveva forma rotonda ed era circondata al centro da una linea di colore dorato. Improvvisamente s'ingrandì considerevolmente diventando più grande di una tavola. Al centro la luce era bianca, argentea e l'intensità era tale che non la poteva guardare. Questa luce raggiunse anche gli alberi che si trovavano a cinque chilometri intorno e che proiettavano la loro ombra sul suolo come il paesaggio che si vedeva all'alba e il cielo in lontananza era tutto rosso come di fuoco. Infine l'oggetto rosso luminoso cominciò a spostarsi a velocità vertiginosa e andò a posarsi sull'acqua tra le onde, simile a un sole che sorge...." (8).

## L'UFOLOGIA IN CINA

Si può tranquillamente concordare con l'agenzia "Nuova Cina" che il 4 dicembre 1980 scriveva che gente d'ogni ceto era presa dalla curiosità per gli UFO: "Gli UFO hanno per lungo tempo catturato l'immaginazione dell'Occidente, ed ora sollevano l'interesse d'un numero crescente di persone anche in Cina. "Secondo questo dispiaccio, ripreso anch'esso dall'UPI, l'associazione degli ufologi cinesi conta fra i suoi

membri operai, studenti, insegnanti, giornalisti, medici e ricercatori, che avrebbero effettuato studi e discussioni sugli UFO dal punto di vista della fisica, dell'astronomia, della tecnologia, della filosofia e della psicologia (6, 9).

"Gli avvistamenti di UFO in Cina hanno raggiunto una nuova dimensione nel 1980", ha dichiarato il presidente della CURO, Cha Leping, riferendosi ai rapporti ricevuti tra gennaio e dicembre di quell'anno (9, 13).

"Non rifiutiamo l'idea che possano venire dallo spazio extraterrestri. Dobbiamo semplicemente studiare queste cose con spirito aperto e scientifico".

Secondo l'ufologo cinese, le descrizioni di UFO raccolte rientrano in una delle tre categorie seguenti: l'80% assomigliano a piatti, palloni, anelli o uova, brillanti ed argentei di giorno, mentre la notte sono di color rosso o arancione incandescente. Parecchi sono i casi con scia di fumo. Nella seconda categoria ci sono gli oggetti grandi e rettangolari (visti raramente) e nella terza gli UFO che somigliano a spirali nebulose con un nucleo brillante e puntini di luce tutt'intorno (13).

Un'influenza decisiva in tutto lo sviluppo dell'associazione l'ha senz'altro avuta Paul Dong, un ufologo cino-americano membro dell'APRO e della MUFON che vive in California, associatosi come consulente alla CURO ai primi del 1980, scrivendo numerosi articoli pubblicati su varie riviste che, secondo quanto affermato, dai redattori del "Mensile d'Astronomia", "hanno veramente aiutato" arrivare al riconoscimento ufficiale della CURO e al suo assorbimento in seno all'Accademia di Scienze Sociali (7, 9).

Quasi interamente opera sua è infatti risultato il primo numero della nuova rivista della CURO che uscì a fine febbraio del 1981, (7, 8, 9, 14) ha esaurito in dieci giorni

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## L'ACCORDO CINO-AMERICANO

La rubrica del giornalista Jack Anderson pubblicata su decine di quotidiani degli USA, è senz'altro una delle fonti di notizie più influenti della stampa nordamericana. Anderson ha una salda reputazione di "scavatore" dei segreti politici di Washington.

Il 6 giugno 1981 il tema del suo articolo fu l'accordo recentemente siglato fra gli Stati Uniti d'America e Repubblica Popolare Cinese per "l'interscambio informale di informazioni di mutuo interesse" fra i rispettivi servizi segreti. Dopo aver menzionato l'interesse degli Americani per i segnali radio intercettati dai cinesi lungo la frontiera con l'URSS e quello dei cinesi per le foto delle truppe sovietiche prese dai satelliti USA, Anderson lasciava cadere quella che era una bomba per l'ambiente ufologico: "C'è però un altro argomento sul quale i cinesi desiderano informazioni: gli oggetti volanti non identificati o 'anomalie atmosferiche' come le chiamano. La nostra Aviazione conclude la sua ricerca sugli UFO dieci anni fa, ma i cinesi hanno registrato avvistamenti recenti di oggetti luminosi a forma di dischi nel loro cielo".

Pochi giorni dopo si annunciava con gran fanfara il viaggio del Segretario di Stato Alexander Haig a Pechino per discutere una possibile vendita di armi col governo cinese. Insieme ad Haig erano il luogotenente generale Vernon Walters, ex vicedirettore della CIA, e vari altri ufficiali che a loro volta condussero due giorni di conversazioni con i maggiori dirigenti cinesi. Nel contesto in cui si discusse la vendita di armamenti, radar e computers è forse eccessivo pensare che si parlò anche di "anomalie atmosferiche" o più semplicemente di "lay dea", di "dischi volanti" (14).

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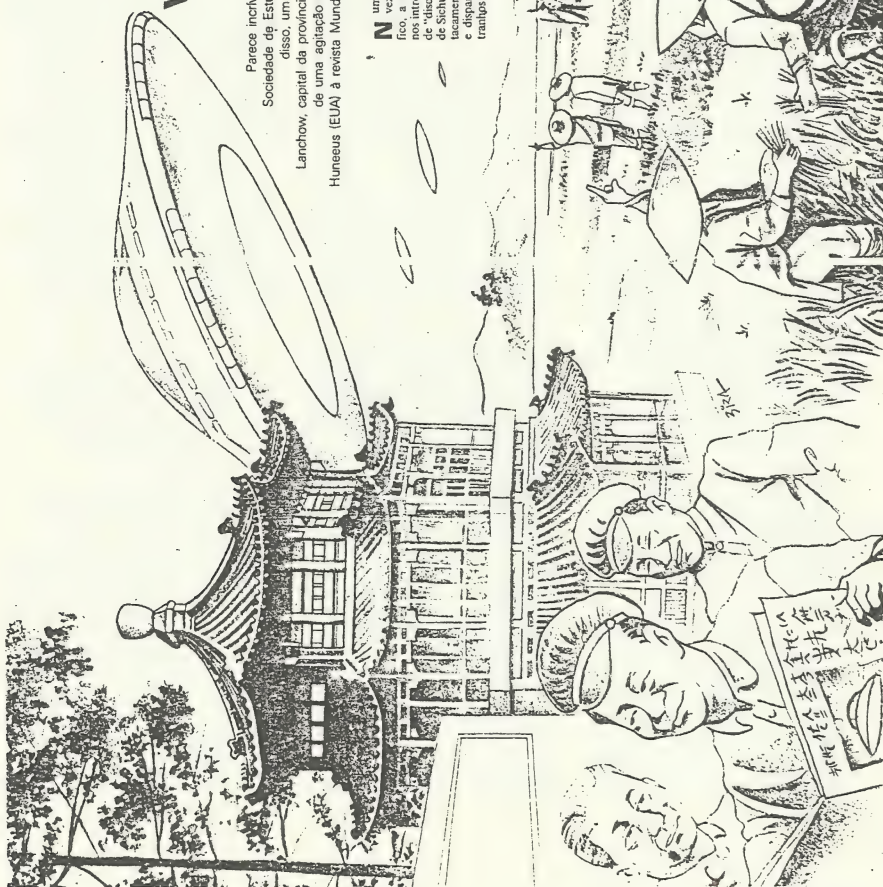
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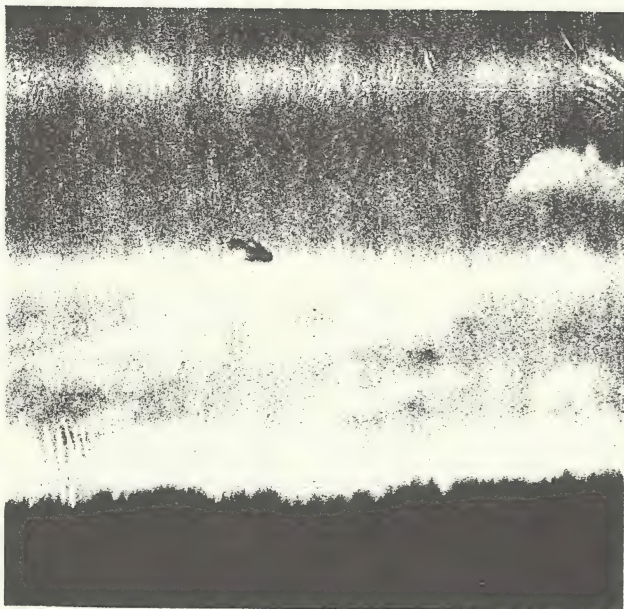
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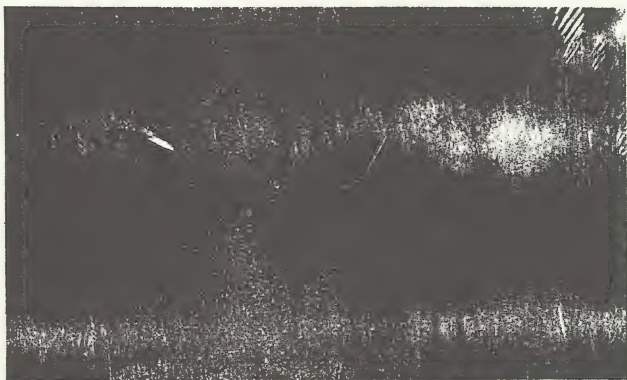
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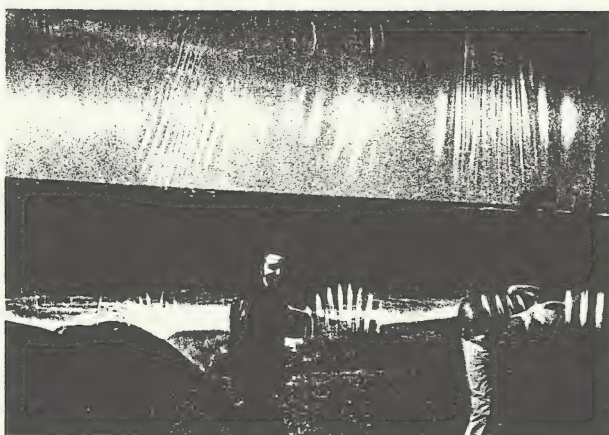
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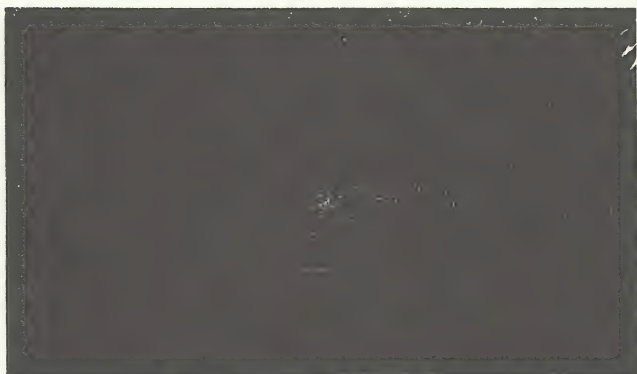


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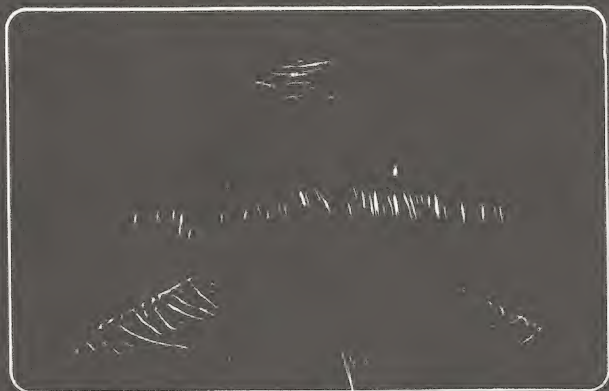
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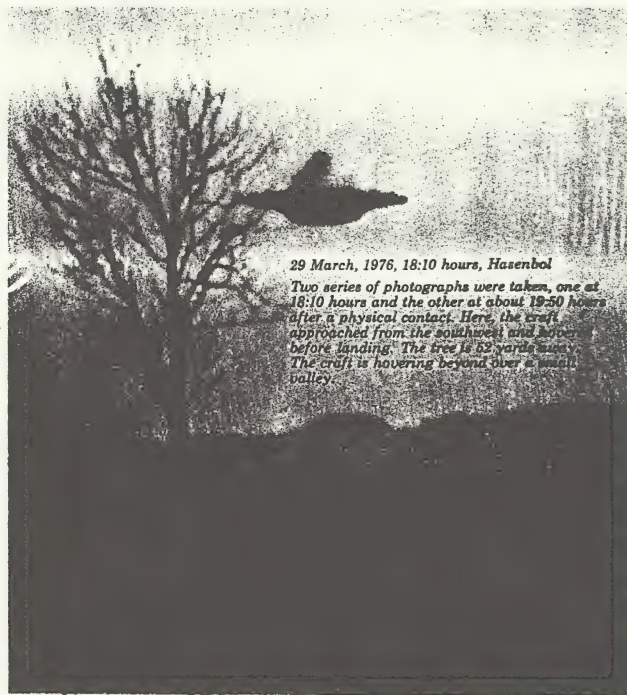
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As this book was waiting to be printed another remarkable sighting of the uniquely Chinese spiral-form UFO took place. This peculiar form was previously reported by thousands of witnesses on 26 September 1971 and again on 24 July 1981, when at least two sets of photographs were taken. These are both reported in chronological order here. But we now report the new sighting as extracted from WEEKLY WORLD NEWS 27 Aug 85. Dates and locations were not carried forward from the Chinese dailies in this English language summary.

A gigantic UFO six miles wide and shaped like a coiled serpent — struck terror in the hearts of millions of peasant farmers as this object swooped through the skies over four provinces in Central China!

The flight of the colossal UFO — positively identified as a space ship by experts — was reported to Chinese newspapers which normally ignore extraterrestrial sightings. Although no one was injured by the serpentine-like UFO, it was clearly visible as it streaked silently over hundreds of Chinese villages. Its eerie glow sent the terrified people screaming into the streets.

"I thought it was the end of the world," said farmer Wong Chang.

"I was certain that a great serpent had come to kill all the people on Earth. I thought I was doomed."

Other Chinese witnesses more clearly described the UFO as a huge shimmering coil that, rotated clockwise at a high rate of speed as it rocketed through the night sky only 1,000 feet or so above the ground.

According to a report published in the PEKING PEOPLE'S DAILY, the UFO was sighted from above by the passengers and crew of a Chinese airliner in flight. The pilot said the UFO kept pace with his jet air transport and had "an extremely bright spot radiating from its center coil".

In an official statement from the Sighuan College of Astronomy, scientists there said the UFO was definitely not a meteorite or other natural object from space.

"The serpent-like shape of the apparition was formed by the emission of materials being discharged from the vehicle," the report said. "The character of the object strongly suggests that it was some form of a craft or ship, not a natural object."

Other scientific calculations indicate the UFOs speed and trajectory prove that it was being self-propelled in its incredible flight over China. — Shirley Mays

The huge spiral was seen to be emitted from a structured biconvex luminous body in the center of the stupendous apparition.

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